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THE AURORA FLASHED CRIMSON—DOWN CAME THORARIN'S WEAPON, SWEEPING ERIC'S SWORD ASIDE WITH ONE MIGHTY BLOW.

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OR

The Story of Oraefa-dal

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INTRODUCTION

THIS little story was written for boys in 1858, and I believe it interested them. Since then, in 1861, I visited Iceland. I have been able to correct some inaccuracies into which I had fallen through lack of personal acquaintance with the country. Boys are the same ever, and what pleased boys thirty-six years ago may perhaps please boys of the new generation.

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CHAPTER I.

A NORWEGIAN FOREST.



WILD night in Norway; the moon had just been clouded over by piles of gray mist, which rolled through the sky, sending out arms of vapour; and, haggard and ghastly, she seemed to steal over her course, swathed in corpse-clothes. Now and then some crags caught a straggling gleam and flashed forth, but directly after were again blotted out; while far below, a frozen fiord was shining like steel,

till the shadow turned it to lead. An uncertain light flickered down the mountain-side and over