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ERWIN AND LINDA.

A TALE OF TALES.

THREE bright-lipp'd smiles, and rings of glossy hair
Were shining softly in the flick'ring glare
The ruddy-burning fire was flinging o'er
The lofty-sided hall, and stonèd floor.
For while Orion, glitt'ring with his bright
Three-spangled girdle, climb'd his southern height ;
And laurel leaves were gleaming in the sheen
Of downcast moonlight on the grassy green ;
And chilly winds, that now no longer found
The summer's leafy boughs and dewy ground,
With shrilly-whistling eddies idly play'd
Through prickly holly in the house's shade :