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Nota di contenuto	Intro -- NOTICE. -- CHAPTER I. -- Family Pictures, with select Views of the Estate, fenced with distant Prospects. -- CHAPTER. II. -- No man can tether time or tide, -- The hour approaches Tam maun ride. -- And he takes one side step and two front ones on the road to glory." -- CHAPTER. III. -- An old one takes to his heels, leaving a young one in arms.-The dessert does not always follow the last course of-a goose.- Goes to the war, and ends in love. -- CHAPTER. IV. -- Shewing how generals may descend upon particulars with a cat-o'-nine tails. Some extra Tales added, Historical, Comical, and Warlike all. -- CHAPTER. V. -- The paying of a French compliment, which will be repaid in a future chapter.-A fierce attack upon hairs.-A niece compliment, and lessons gratis to untaught sword-bearers. -- CHAPTER. VI. -- Reaping a Horse with a Halter.-Reaping golden Opinions out of a Dung-Hill, and reaping a good Story or two out of the next Room.-A Dog-Hunt and Sheep's Heads prepared at the Expense of a Dollar each, and a Scotchman's Nose. -- CHAPTER. VII (a). -- Blood and destruction shall be so in use, And dreadful objects so familiar, That mothers shall but smile when they behold Their infants quartered with the hands of war. -- CHAPTER. VII (b). -- The persecution of the guardian of two angels.-A Cacadore and his mounted followers.-A chief of hussars in his trousers.-A chief of rifles in his glory, and a sub of ditto with two screws in the neck. --

CHAPTER. VIII. -- National Characters.-Adventures of a pair of leather Breeches.-Ditto of a pound of Beef.-Shewing what the French General did not do, and a Prayer which he did not pray -- with a few random Shots. -- CHAPTER. IX. A bishop's gathering.-Volunteers for a soldier's love, with a portrait of the lover.-Burning a bivouac.-Old invented thrashing machines and baking concerns.--A flying Padre taking a shot flying. -- CHAPTER. X. -- Shewing how a volunteer may not be what Doctor Johnson made him.-A mayor's nest.-Cupping.-The Author's reasons for punishing the world with a book.-And some volunteers of the right sort. -- CHAPTER. XI. -- Very short, with a few anecdotes still shorter -- but the principal actors thought the scenes long enough. -- CHAPTER. XII. -- Shewing rough visitors receiving a rough reception.-Some living and moving specimens thereof.-Tailors not such fractions of humanity as is generally believed.-Gentle visitors receiving a gentle reception, which ends by shewing that two shakes joined together sound more melodiously on the heartstrings than two hands which shake of their own accord. -- CHAPTER. XIII. -- Specimens of target-practice, in which markers may become marked men.-A grave anecdote, shewing how "some men have honours thrust upon them."-A line drawn between man and beast.-Lines drawn between regiments, and shewing how credit may not be gained by losing what they are made of-Aristocratic.-Dedicatic.-Dissertation on advanced guards, and desertion of knapsacks, shewing that "the greater haste the worse speed.

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Sommario/riassunto

Sir John Kincaid served in the 95th Rifles, later the famed Rifle Brigade, throughout the Peninsular War and during the Belgian Campaign. This book is a follow-up to "Adventures in the Rifle Brigade", whose success spurred the author into publishing a second tome of recollections. His style is witty, pithy and framed with a long and hard fought insight into the warfare of the period. His reminiscences embrace the famed leaders of the period; such as Wellington, Craufurd, Sidney Beckwith et al. as well as the common soldiers that he fought with each day.Highly recommended.

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