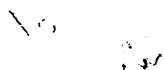


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CHAPTER I.

AN indiscriminate and general plunder was the first display of the conqueror's power ; and this they carried on in the most brutal manner, rummaging the pockets of even the dead, the wounded, and the dying, and securing each to himself as many watches, and as much money as he could find. They next began to clear the deck of the dead, throwing them very unceremoniously overboard. Two fellows seized Vernon, one taking hold of his arms, and another of his legs. The torment occasioned by thus lifting him by his wounded arm roused him from the senseless state in which the wound on his head had left him : writhing with pain, by a convulsive effort, he gave a sort of kick