



“Crossing the open was a beautiful bull elk, followed by a fine cow and a half-grown calf.”—Page 247.

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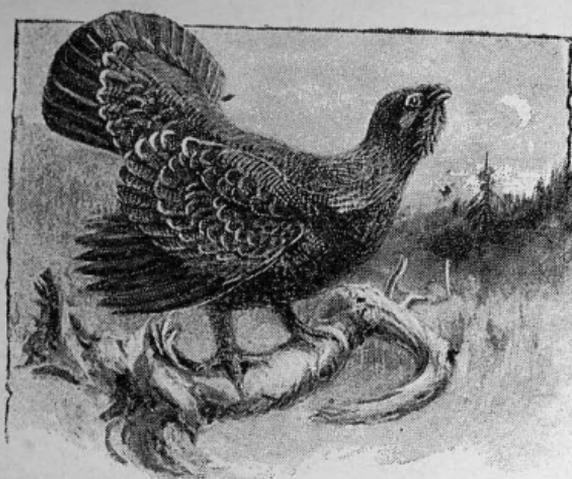
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## P R E F A C E.

IN offering this little volume to the public, I indulge myself with the hope that a book on Russia, in whose pages, from beginning to end, no reference is made to Russia's Mission in the East, or Peter the Great's Will, no allusion to Nihilists, and no mention whatever of Siberia, may possibly be esteemed a novelty by readers. As for the actual contents of the volume, I would ask my readers to regard these indulgently as the untutored record of impressions left upon the mind of an unscientific observer, after a residence of some years' duration in a country to which he owes a deep debt of gratitude for many happy days spent within its moors and forests, its towns and villages.

Should I be so fortunate as to incline any of my readers to believe that, in spite of all that has been  
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written upon the seamy side of Russia and the Russians, there exists nevertheless much which is admirable in that well-abused country, both indoors and out, and much which is interesting and lovable in its people, I should feel that I had discharged at least a fractional portion of that debt.

F. J. W.

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