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DISCLOSURE OF THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT

AND THE

UNREVEALED SECRET TREATY OF MAY 31ST, 1878.

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"O what a world of vile ill-favoured faults  
Looks handsome in three hundred pounds a year."  
—*Merry Wives of Windsor.*

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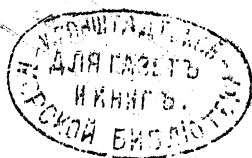
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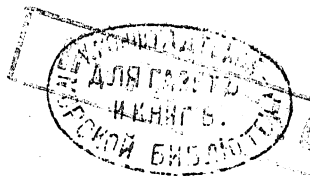
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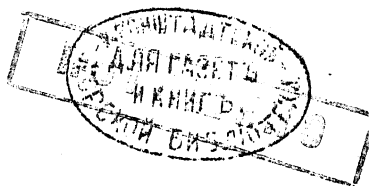
TO  
MY BENEFACTOR,  
CAPTAIN HAMBER,  
EDITOR OF THE 'MORNING ADVERTISER,'  
AND THE  
DISCLOSER OF THE DISCLOSER,  
I Dedicate these Pages,  
WITH SENTIMENTS OF GRATITUDE AND ESTEEM.



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### FIRST WORDS.

IN 1875, ophthalmia necessitated my return to England. During my six years' residence in Russia, I had traversed 25,000 miles of the Czar's dominions, and had visited such centres as Wilna, Moscow, Tamboff, Nijni, Kazan, the Oorals, and Orenburg. I had also acquired the Russian, French, and German languages, and for eighteen months I had acted, at St. Petersburg, as correspondent of the *Globe*. My determination in returning to England was to attach myself to the Press; but, at the time to which I refer, Russia was a dull subject in the columns of our newspapers. The endeavours of five months to contribute Russian articles to