



RUSSIAN STATE BALL.

H/141
29

Ä

SIX YEARS'

TRAVELS IN RUSSIA.

BY

!

AN ENGLISH LADY.

IN TWO VOLUMES.

VOL. II.

LONDON:
HURST AND BLACKETT, PUBLISHERS,
SUCCESSORS TO HENRY COLBURN,
13, GREAT MARLBOROUGH STREET.
1859.

The right of Translation is reserved.

Ä

LONDON:
R. BORN, PRINTER, GLOUCESTER STREET,
REGENT'S PARK.



Ms 9405-44

CONTENTS.—VOL. II.

CHAPTER I.

Yaroslav, the Great Prince—Yaroslav's three daughters—Henry I. of France demands the hand of Elizavetta—The Pre-engagement of her Heart—Garold, the young Swedish Prince—He demands the Princess Elizavetta from her Father—Yaroslav sends him to gather Laurels—Garold's Song by the way—Elizavetta becomes Queen of Sweden 1

CHAPTER II.

Monastery of Verlama—Derjaëvin's Grave—Bronitzee—Covered Bridge—Valdaë—Lake—The Patriarch and the Demons—Beautiful Bells and Brazen Belles—Interesting Travellers—Posting—A Rogue—Count Kleinmichel's recipe 8

CHAPTER III.

Vishnei-Volotjok — Connection of the Caspian and Baltic Seas—Torjock—Chicken Cutlet—English Travellers — Russian Climate a Cure for Consumption—Hay Bed—Tver—Volga, the Ancient Rha—Rhubarb—Alarm on Crossing the Volga—Peculiarity of Pronunciation at Tver—Klein—Tchernaya-Griasse—First Glimpse of Moscow—Palace Residence of Napoleon—Overpowering Sense of the Distance from Home 24

CONTENTS.

CHAPTER IV.

Moscow—Beauty of the Holy City—Wealth and Power of the Nobility and Clergy—The History of the Kreml, from Russian History—Exhumation of the Great Bell by the Grand Duke Constantine—The Hermit of the Forest—Origin of the “White-stoned Mother”—A Visit in Moscow—Dwarfs and Fools—A Dwarf in a Pie 39

CHAPTER V.

Liberals—Russians and Germans—Learned Furrier—Sables—£900 for a Winter Cloak!—A Beautiful and Useful Manufacture—Silk Mercers—Water Supply—A Lowly Grave—Peter’s Play-ground—The Love Match—The Tombs of the Tzars—Martha Romanoff—Touching incident in the Lives of Two Brothers—The Treasury of the Kreml—John the Terrible, the Suitor of Queen Elizabeth of England—Lady Mary Hastings—The Queen’s Peace Offering 63

CHAPTER VI.

Mal de Chemin—Terrestrial Gulfs—Extempore Bridges—Drive in a Corn-field—Convoy in Distress—Bronitza—Taking the Bull by the Horns—Sleep in the Streets—A Country Inn at Sun-rise—*Tableaux Dormants*—Peripatetics of a New School—Vocal Military Band—Ungallant Tcherkessians—Making Butter in a Bottle—Another “Fix”—Process of Extrication—Riazan—Hospitable Welcome—Impromptu Beds à la Russe 89