

Heroes and Heroines
of Russia.



STENKA RAZIN AND THE PERSIAN PRINCESS.

From a painting by P. YAKOVLEFF.

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Dedicated,

With grateful affection,

to

Two English Violets

**On the free and breezy Sussex Downs,
Wafting their sweetness
To blighted Russian flowers
On the dreary plains of Muscovy.**

THOUGHTS ON REVOLUTION.

"Whenever any form of government becomes destructive, it is the right, it is the duty, of the people to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

American Declaration of Independence, 1776.

"Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God."

Inscription on an old cannon.

"Great revolutions, whatever may be their causes, are not lightly made, and are not concluded with precipitation."

B. Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield.

"Insurrection of thought always precedes insurrection of arms."

"Revolutions are not made, they come."

"Revolutions never go backward."

Wendell Phillips.

"Our government is founded on the right of revolution. The principle is as true in St. Petersburg and Moscow in 1905 as it was in Boston and Philadelphia in 1776."

*Henry B. Blackwell, at a meeting in Boston, January 31st, 1905,
addressed by Catherine Breshkovskaya.*

"I hope that He Who gave Christ to the world and Washington to America, Who has so often sent the providential man—or the providential woman, like Deborah and Joan of Arc—will send a great leader to the Russian people."

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, at the same meeting.

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"As a citizen of the world . . . I thrill at the sight of the insurrection in Russia . . . The burden can no longer be borne, and the explosion, however destructive, is in the natural order."

William Lloyd Garrison, at the same meeting.

"It seems to me that those who dare to rebel in every age are they who make life possible for those whom temperament compels to submit. It is the rebels who extend the boundary of right little by little, narrowing the confines of wrong, and crowding it out of existence."

Sarah Grand.

"Those corpses of young men,

Those martyrs that hang from the gibbets, those hearts
pierced by the gray lead,

Cold and motionless as they seem live elsewhere with
unlaughter'd vitality.

Not a grave of the murder'd for freedom but grows seed for
freedom, in its turn to bear seed,

Which the winds carry afar and re-sow, and the rains and the
snows nourish.

Not a disembodied spirit can the weapons of tyrants let loose, but
it stalks invisibly over the earth, whispering, counselling, cautioning."

W. Whitman.