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APPENDIX

DR. GREGORY GERSHUNI (PAGE 107)

GERSHUNI was Madame Breshkovsky's closest colleague in the work of the party. He was a Jew, and a man of extraordinary force of character. His escape from Siberia was remarkable. At the prison of Akatui, the prisoners used to put up their own provisions for the winter. These were then stored in the cellars of the Governor's house, which stood outside the walls. Gershuni's fellow exiles put him in the bottom of a large barrel, which had been furnished with breathing holes. They spread a piece of leather over him, filled the top of the barrel with pickled cabbage, and conveyed it to the Governor's lowest cellar, where they left it. Comrades outside had dug a subterranean tunnel into the cellar, and Gershuni got out of the barrel and went away.

To keep his escape from being found out too soon, the other exiles made a head out of cheese, and laid it on the pillow in his cell. When the jailer made the rounds in the evening to see that the prisoners were all there, several of them stood around Gershuni's bed, apparently holding an animated conversation with this head.

Gershuni afterwards visited America. The great