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## moscow.

(From the Nease of the World.)
As Moscow, the sacred city of the Rus. sians, is just now the acene of an extraordi nary pageant, to which the eyes of nearl more or less of curiosity and interest, a more or less of curiosity and ineterest, a historical features by which it is distin guished may not be out of place.
In point of antiquity, Moscew yields to several other Rassian cities. Vladimir Novigorod, Kief, are each of far more ann cient orign. The rich foundation of Mrs cow does not date earlier than the year
1117 ; and it was not till the thirteenth sentury that it became the residence o The orign of this famous city is involved The orign of this famous city is involved in all adventure of one of the grand princes some time prior to the incursions of the Tartars. He had heard much of the beautiful wife of a elhiefiain, who owned a domain in the distriet, and sent orders for both ti appear before him. Suspecting his intentions, the hushand refused to obey
upon which he was aceused of contumacy, upon which he was aceused of contumacy,
and put to death. The grand prince visited he wilw, , in the neinh insi consi derable tiame in the neighous. This led to temporary dewellings being erected to ac commodate his attendants, who attraeted traders and other persons to the site, re quiring tenements. Thus, by inseusible degrees, Moscow arose, destined to become the seat of empire, and to experience vi-
cissitudes which have been rarely paralleled in the history of any other city, and ertainly never surpassed.
Whether this traditional account of the foundation of the city be correct or not
it is certain that from the perind $(1326)$ it is certain that from the perind (1326)
when Archbishop Peter trosferred to it the metropolitan see, made it the ssat of his resideuce, induced Ivan I. to tuild a eath edral there, and, finally, with a predietion
of its future greatness, enjoined that his of its future greatness, enjoined that his bones might rest within its walls-it is cer
tain that. from that time, M.scow has ever been held ia the deepest reverence by the whole Russian ponulation. From the four teenth century all the most remarkable
vents in tine national history are connectvents in tine national history are connect-
ed with this city. It became the centre of hee contest which soon took place with the
Mongols. It was there that Dimitri Ivan ovitch displayed his black banner, when he went to prepare, in the fields of K ouli
koff, the deliverance of his native land, and o earn the giorious surname of the Conqueror of the Don. Cleghero, the warlike
Grand Prince of the I Lithuanians, was stopGrand Prince of the Lithuanians, was stopped under the walls of the Kremlin; the
Khan Toktamyseh, with batter fortune Khan Toktamyseh, with batter fortune, entered it, and laid everything waste wion martyrs,"" says. Sehnitzler, "was like a baptism, for the new capital ; thus sanetiied, it appeared venerable in the eyes of of its miracion multiplied, there the number maturgic saints of Moscow made every heart heat from one extremity of the counrry to the ofher." The picture of the Virgin of Vladimir, painted by St. Iuke, is said to have preserved the city from the ary of Timour ? but Jedighei, his brother fil derantation from which the unfortunate city had much ado to recover. Neverthe less, the faith of the people never relased for an instant. After so many fires and devastations, preceded, moreover, by the plague, and divers afflictions, every one rebuilt 1 is dwelling, and laid, also, his offering or the altar to repair the havoc committe i in the temples, to ombellish those
asyluns, and increase their number. But asylvns, ard increase their number. But
the "Mother of Russian Cities" was desthe "Mother of Russian Cities" was des-
tined to undergo new trials, which only sery id' however, to render her the more dea, to the inliabitants. In $155 / 7$, a firo, comaunicaliag fom streel to stlly consumed it ; the stone houses, then few in number, alone remained; but the flames especially respected the picture of the Quecn of the Angels, over which, say the chyoniclers, they had no power. Thirty years Inter, the Crimean Tartars, whio
ed tribes of the famous Golden Horde, |there is an abundance of sumptunis pala-
came and burnt Moscow once more. Next, came and burnt Moscow once more. Next, ces ; they oceupy a great space, captivate at the commencement of the seventeenth the eye at once, and form the striking parts
century, the Kremlin was the theatre of a of the pieture. In the middle riseng of the century, the Kremlin was the theatre of a
terrible and prolonged contest between the picture. In the middle rises of the
hill of the Kremlin, abrupt on the side of the true sons of the country and the fireign, river, And shelving on the opposite toward invasion-between the arthodox Church, the White Town, which forms a semicirle and the Latin sehism. Moseow was tirans- round the Kremlin and the Chinese City, ormed into a real field of battle. "The an interesting quarter, from which on th humiliation of their religion," says Schnitz- east, it is separated by its walls, and pious people, nerved the strength of all and again engendered miracles. It was eligion, also, that gave the signal of resishe people to arms, and the guarter of 5 t 3ergius was covered with culverins and ther cannon. All the efforts of the Poles were powerless against its walls; and irded with the sword of Gideon, the Rusjians ran to assist in delivering the Kermlin here shortly afterwards, the representa ves of the nation, raising the house of comanoff to the throne, hailed with un randed enthusiarm the accession of a ne he of ortional cause.
Such is the tale which the name of Mos cow suggests to every Russian: "There nut a nobleman," says the Baron Von raxthausen, " in all the iunnense empire N Arch-ange to Odessa, from Tobisk cow, 'the Holy Mother,' with deep reve nee and ethusiastic love. Every Russia pasant when, after traveling hundreds fleagues, he first sees the tow hrs of Mos cow, will reve
less himself.
The conflagration, which followed upon the French invasion, of 1812 , has given to Moscow a more modern appearance ; but the Kremlin remains, with its peculiar character and strange style, with its massy white washed, uneven walls, embattled and owers with loopholes, surmounted with Byzantine, and displaying in its interior whimsical assemblage of churches, mon steries, and places, crowded together in narrow space. This ensemble, which calls to m.ad the intimate union of religio and polity, appeals strongly to the imagin-
tion. A vast number of domes, mostly covered with gilded iron, surmounts this multitude of churches, and on their summits rise innumerable crosses, like a fores of spears, the highest of which-that o van Veliki-seems to be summoning the whole country to prayer. "All this," says
chnitzler, "is national, and what is more chnizler,
is grand,
"On approaching Moscow, by the road
from St. Petersburg," says the same
rom St. Petersburg," says the same
writer, " the eapital does not display itsell writer, "the capital does not display itsell to the traveller; but when, on arriving
from the south, by the road from Kalouga you stop on the brow of the hill, where i when, choosing the most advantage iew, you take your stand on the Sparrow Mountain above the river, then that won erful panorama displayed before yo oxcites an involuntary exclamation astonishment. At your feet meanders the
Moskwa ; and the angle it makes befor Moskwa ; and the angle it makes before
ontering the town forms a boundary to entering the town forms a boundary to gardens, meadows, and that immense plain evoted to popular festivals, which owes Nuns) to the convent situated at its estrem ty. On the outside of this angle on yeur right, rising above the Moskwa, on your charming woody hills, dotted with country houses, where the Neskouscha nttracts the merry-making crowd, and the Hospital Galistsin opens its gates to sick paupers. But what an enormous mass of houses, some of wnod, others of stone, lies before
you ; the latter surmounted with iron roofs you; the latter surmounted with iron roofs
painted red or green, and the former overpainted red or green, and the former over-
shadowed by them or by tufted trees ; all having wide open spaces between them, and there gy some ant of vite typo in which four small bulbous cupolas are grouped about the principal dome, so scanty, yet so ponderoas
Let the reader judge of the effects of the whole, when he is informed that he has berore him 400 churches, 21 convents, 640 chapeis, besides 12,4u0, houses of which 4,500 ooly sre of stone, the othars being
large open space. All around this hill sical towers, belonging to every style im aginable and above the ramparts stand forth in an order more apparent than real, clusters of those churches, convents, and
places of no less fantastical and diversified forms than those already alluded to. "Beholding this," exclaims Schuitzler, in a fervour of admiration, "Eurepe is forgotton ; this heterogeneons mixture of donjons of the middle ages, of Moorish minarets and Indian pagodas, hovering like an aerial city, above the town kneeling at its feet, perplexes the senses, and confounds the imagination of the spectator dazzled more over by the sparkling rays with which the reflection of the sun surrounds all these riehly gilded and briliantiy polished metal-
itic cupolas." The Baron Haxthausen hou ever tells us that, on entering the gates of Moscow, the impression of grandeur produced from the outside is lost ; the city is then like any other : nay, has less of an historical aspect, than many of the quaint
old towns of Germany and the Netherlands.
Such is Moscow "the holy"--Moscow " the white walled mother of the Russian ities.'

A gentleman at Oporto has been "astoniHe attached to his feet two large boat fashioned shoes of tin, and, thus prepared accomplished in safety a rather long "tramp" A vila of Duoro
A Villiv o of Women.-The following ccount appears in the Augsburg Gazette:-
The villiage of Madana, which is about so English miles from Rutschuid, in Wallt chia, offers at the present moment a curio: ethnographical singularity, having been i.At ond women only for the last 30 years. 200. The ladies did not live like warriors like the Amazons of old ; but, avoiding al intercourse with men, drove away from
their territories all who appeared with matrimonial intentions. The anti-social settle at least no more recruits are made from the disappointed or love-crossed, and the nembers of
decreasing.'

A treaty of peace and commerce between England and Siam has been concluded, and Gazelle. The provisions refer for thent nost part, to Custom-house regulations co atives of this country who may sojour in Siam.
Lady Granvileg's Loss at the Coro rord gives Moscow correspondent of $L_{e}$ Oord gives the following curious s.tory :-
On the day of the coronation and at the Koment when the cortege was entering the Kremin, a magnificent pearl neeklice
worn by Lady Granville brake, and the were each of which was of great value did not eviace the slightest einotion at the circumstances, but proceeded on her way leaving behind her the remnants of an or nament which wauld be a for'une to any one less wealthy than the lady of the Eingglish ambassador.'
Religious Fagedom in Bulgaria-A Wetter from Widdin of the 97th ult. says.which the reople or oi Rulgaria a sound beard for ages- the sound of a bell calling he-thristiar.s to chiureh, in order to thank iod that the Sultan has heen pleased to din is the first Bulgarinn town that ha plained to the bell. The Turks have com
plained to the Pacha about
referred them to the sultan."

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