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In winter you may read them, ad ignem, by the fireside; and in summer, ad umbram, under some shady tree; and there-
with pass away the tedious hours.

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COUNT LEO N. TOLSTOI AND HIS WORKS.

After almost every periodical of standing has devoted space to Tolstoi, and so many writers of distinction have criticised him as novelist, historian, man of letters, and reformer, it seems almost

estimated in studying his life and character may find the best information.

Count Tolstoi was born in 1829, and is a descendant of a great Russian noble, a friend of



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unnecessary for another word to be said in these columns. We briefly state a few facts in the life of the great Russian whom the American reading public is beginning to understand, and refer to a few periodicals of recent date where those inter-

Peter the Great, and an inheritor of vast riches. Early left an orphan, he studied at the University of Kazan, got tired of it, and left to join the army. He quickly became an officer, took part in the guerilla warfare in Circassia, returned to be