

NOTES

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THE KING OF THE GOLDEN RIVER

106. Styria. A province of Austria-Hungary.

Schwartz, Hans, and Gluck (German, *Glück*). These names mean, in English, *Black, Jack, and Good Luck*.

107. hedge-hog. A small mammal, very common in Europe.

cicadas. Locusts. Large insects, whose shrill notes are heard during hot weather.

tithes. Taxes. *Tithe* literally means, a *tenth* part.

108. turnspit. One who watches the meat which is fastened to the end of an iron rod (spit) and roasted over the fire.

maledictions. Curses.

109. refractory. Stubborn, difficult to manage.

doublet. A close-fitting jacket, called a *doublet* because it was lined.

110. concerto. A musical composition.

111. hob. See note on page 144.

113. deprecatingly. In a beseeching tone.

117. patrimony. Estate inherited from their father.

118. beard and whiskers. *Whiskers* as here used refers to the hair growing on the sides of the face; while the *beard* is the hair growing on the chin and lips.

Rhenish. Rhine wine, which is white in colour.

120. effervescent melody. The sound of bubbling and hissing.

121. crucible. Melting-pot.

akimbo. With the hand on the hip and the elbow turned outward.

122. a slashed doublet. A jacket with openings in the sleeves so as to show the rich lining.

prismatic colours. The colours of the rainbow, as when light is refracted by a prism.

Mother-of-pearl. The pearly lining of certain shells.

pertinacious and intractable. Obstinate and unmanageable.

dictum. Statement.