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**Our Foreign Correspondence.**

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The Black Sea! Fitly is it named, whether we look on its dark waves or think of the storms which agitate its bosom. Yet more probably does it wear the epithet *black* in distinction from the sea of Marmora, the marble or *white* sea,—at the other extremity of the Bosphorus. Just now its billows are beginning to subside into the fury into which they were lashed by a steamer meets at precisely that angle which gives all possible ventilation, and has occasioned great paleness of face and deep *ejaculations* among the passengers. The *steward* alone is in excellent spirits—his fee is the same—and meals are letter an extra charge, whether dinner is eaten or not eaten. These symptoms within and the view of the coast literally strewn with remains of recent wrecks, forcibly remind one of those old lines of Byron—

"There's not a sea the traveler ever makes in
That has more wrecks and perils on its breakers than the Euxine."

This sea is connected with early classic story. The timid navigators' who had coasted among the islands of the Egean Sea dreaded the unknown as far as the entrance by the Hellespont—but they told a fearful tale of the dangers which they had encountered. There dwelt the Cimmerians, a people so rude and in a land so benighted, that Cimmerian darkness became an expression indicating the lowest depths of mental degradation. What school-boy has not read of the Argonautic expedition? That fearful voyage to so distant a land after the golden fleece was along the coasts of this sea. Here, too, not far from the mouth of the Danube, stood the little town of Tomi; one of the scenes of Ovid's vengeance. Subsequently the Roman poet Ovid was banished there, and often have I mournfully read his sad complaint—how the land was burned over by the frost—how near it was to night, and to the last extremity of the world—how rude were the people—and how no one would listen to his songs. Yes, Ovid thought no one heard his songs: and yet to this day a strange tradition lives among the Wallachians of the Danube, of old man from whose lips flowed honey. The fame of the Augustan poet had never reached their ears—they know nothing of the Roman Caesars—but the poet had touched their hearts, and though for two thousand years have passed, the sweetness of his strains has not been forgotten. What an homage to genius!

What struggles, too, has this sea witnessed! The protracted strife for commercial ascendency between the Greeks—the Venetians and the Genoese—had a part of its theatre here. Here, too, the din of battle was heard here. It was coming up to the top of you mountain on the opposite coast, that the Greeks under Xenophon first described its waters, and in rapturous excitement shouted from rock to rock, "The sea—the sea!" Here, too, the Mohommedans and Christians met in fearful encounter, and near you western coast were fought some of the great decisive battles that gave Eastern Europe to Moslem denomination. But we need not go far back in history's page for the record of fierce conflicts. Look around the coasts of this sea, and the very lands suggest a thousand reminiscences. Sweeping almost from the mouth of the Danube on the West, embracing the northwest and the entire North, lies the great empire of Russia; on the East spread out the mountain ranges of Circassia, the theatre of multitudinous conflicts. In the distant back ground approach the lands of Persia, and away inland rises up that mountain ridge famed for its peak of Ararat—that peak which, all the calm dignity of its angust height, at all the petty strifes that have stirred the blood South and southwest Turkey completes the circle, and in the extent of its coast about equals Russia. Turning our eyes northward, let us not remember the *northern man* with so many years since placed on the highway of one of the Southern Russian towns, "This is the way to Constantinople." How many centuries have witnessed Russia turning with longing eyes towards the old capital of the Greek empires! And who knows the emperor of all the Russians for being "a northern man with southern principles?" His home is sold one. Six months of the year frost and ice are all around him. Then the doorway to his capital, except away round the frozen regions of the icy cape, lies through the Baltic, with its narrow channel held by a foreign power, while almost opposite to it crouches that old British Lion, his hated foe. His southern border is fertile. Odessa is one of the greatest wheat markets in the world. The vine clothes the hills along the Danube. Immense herds wind without shelter among the plains of Wallachia and Bulgaria. Could the Czar remove his residence to Constantinople, his dwelling would be amidst the flowers and fruits of the South, and at all seasons he could witness the treasures of his kingdom floating down the ever flowing current of the Bosphorus and the Dardenelles. A recent writer compares the longing of Russia for Constantinople to that of the United States for Cuba, and thinks they are both justified in it. It is a "fellow feeling" that made some of our politicians so "wondrous kind" to Russia in her last conflict with England and France! Be this as it may, Russia had been for many years preparing her way southward, and dreamed that the consummation was very near. The last war told a different story.

I have no doubt that many think as I did, that England and France gained but little by the last war. This, in one respect, is true. They gained no territory—they gained no wealth. But they did gain their great object—*they paralyzed the power of Russia in the South.* I had no idea of the extent of this change until I visited their lands. Turkey has been weak—very weak—for a century past. She has been throwing away old institutions and forming new ones. The Janissaries, the right arm of Turkish power, were the enemies of all reform. Fearful least they should dethrone him, as they had his father and brother, the Sultan Mahmoud caused them to be massacred. A new military force was organized and various reforms were adopted. Many opposed—a few favored—the changes looked on in a kind of stupid bewilderment. In the Sult