# THE RAFTSMAN'S JOURNAL,

#### THE GUNMAKER OF MOSCOW.

# A Tale of the Empire under Peter the Great.

### CHAPTER I.

The time at which we open our story is midwinter, and towards the close of the seventeenth century. Russia is the scene.

In the suburbs of Moscow, and very near the river Moskwa, stood an humble cot, which betrayed a neatness of arrangement and show the paper." of taste that more than made up for its smallness of size. Back of the cot was an artisan's shop, and other out-buildings. The shop was devoted to the manufacture of fire-arms, mostly. Some swords, and other edged weapons, were made here upon special application.

The master of this tenement was the hero of our tale, Ruric Nevel. We find him standing by his forge, watching the white smoke as it "Then he may mak curled up towards the throat of the chimney. He was a young man, not over three-and-twenty, and possessed a frame of more than ordi-He was not large-not above a medium sizebut a single glance at the swelling chest, the broad shoulders, and the sinewy ridges of the bare arms, told at once that he was master of "Seek ?—I seek what I will have. Will bare arms, told at once that he was master of great physical power. His father had been you sign ?" killed in the late war with the Turks, and the son, leaving his mother with a sufficiency of sustenance, went to Spain soon after the bereavement. There he found work in the most noted armories; and now, well versed in the trade, he had returned to his native city to follow his calling, and support his mother.

had bound himself to the gunmaker for the purpose of learning the art.

Claudia Nevel, Ruric's mother, was a noble looking woman, and the light of her still handsome countenance was never brighter than when gazing upon her boy. She had a thankful, loving heart, and a prayerful, hopeful soul.

"It is snowing again, faster than ever," remarked Paul, as he took his seat at the supper table, in company with the others.

"Ah," returned Ruric, resting his knife a the voice of the storm. "I had hoped 'twould snow no more for the present. The snow is deep enough now. And how it blows !"

"Never mind," spoke the dame, in a trustful, easy tone, "it must storm when it listeth, and we can only thank God that we have shelter, and pray for those who have none." "Amen !" responded Ruric, fervently.

The meal was at length eaten, and the table set back, and shortly afterwards Paul retired to his bed.

Rurie drew his chair close up to the fireplace, and leaning against the jam he bowed his head in absorbing thought. This had become a habit with him of late. His mother having observed these fits of abstraction, became uneasy and pressed Ruric to tell her what it was over which he was so constantly and so moodily brooding. Being thus urged, Buric confessed that it was of Rosalind Valdai (the orphan daughter of a nobleman, and now the ward of Olga, the powerful and haughty Duke of Tula) he was thinking. Rurie's fa-ther, and the father of Rosiland, had been comrades in arms in their youth, and their children had been playmates. But when the elder Nevel was slain in battle. Ruric was vet a boy, and the widow and her son remained poor and obscure; while Valdai, more fortunate, had risen to a high rank, and dying, left Rosalind a title and a fortune.

The young people, however, had not forgot-

in marriage." As the Count spoke he drew a paper from the bosom of his marten doublet, and having opened it he handed it towards the gunmaker. But Ruric took it not. He drew back and

gazed the visitor sternly in the face. "Sir Count," he said, calmly and firmly, "you have plainly stated your proposition, and I will as plainly answer. I cannot sign

"Ha !" gasped Damonoff, in quick passion. "Do you refuse ?"

"Most flatly."

turning pale with rage. "Here it is-sign ! If you would live-sign !"

"Perhaps he cannot write," suggested Ur-

"Then he may make his mark," rejoined the Count, in the same contemptuous tone. "It might not require much more urging to induce me to make my mark in a manner not nary symmetry and muscular development. at all agreeable to you, sir," the youth retort ed, with his teeth now set, and the dark veins a sharp clang, and the texture was not startupon his brow starting more plainly out. "Do ed. Then he struck the flat of the blade up-

"Once more-No !"

"Then, by heavens, you shall know what it is to thwart such as me! How's that ?"

As these words passed from the Count's lips in a low, hissing whisper, he aimed a blow

with his fist at Ruric's head. The gunmaker had not dreamed of such a dastardly act, and Near by stood a boy-Paul Peepoff-a bright, intelligent lad, some fifteen years of age, who blow upon the brow that felled him to the floor like a dead ox.

"Beware, Stephen Urzen !" he whispered to the Count's companion, as that individual made a movement as though he would come forward. "I am not myself now, and you are safest where you are."

The man thus addressed viewed the gunmaker a few moments, and he seemed to conclude that he had better avoid a personal encounter.

Conrad Damonoff slowly rose to his feet, few moments while he bent his ear to listen to and gazed into his antagonist's face a few moments in silence. His own face was deathly pale, and his whole frame quivered.

"Rurie Nevel," he said, in a hissing, maddened tone, "you will hear from me. I can overlook your plebeian stock."

And with this he turned away. "Paul," said the gunmaker, turning to his

boy, after the men had gone, "not a word of this to my father. Be sure."

On the following morning, as Ruric was preparing for breakfast, he saw Olga, the Duke, pass by, and strike off into the Borodina road. Now, thought he, is the time to call on Rosalind; and as soon as he had eaten his breakfast he prepared for the visit. He dressed well, and no man of Moscow had a nobler look when the dust of toil was removed from his

brow and garb. He took a horse and sledge, and started off for the Kremlin, within which the Duke resided.

In one of the sumptuously furnished apartments of the palace of the Duke of Tuta sat Rosalind Valdai. She was a beautiful girl; molded in perfect form, with the full flush of health and vigor, and possessing a face of peculiar sweetness and intelligence. She was only nineteen years of age, and she had been ten years an orphan. There was nothing of the aristocrat in her look-nothing proud, close at hand. nothing haughty : but gentleness and love were the true elements of her soul.

"How now, Zenobie ?" asked Ro

nor thoughts of seeking the hand of the lady | will bring his own, and he gives you the privilege of selecting such a one as you may choose."

"I thank you, Orsa, for your kindness thus far, and you may rest assured that I shall be prompt." "Suppose I call here in the morning for

suggested the visitor. vou ?' "I should be pleased to have you do so," the gunmaker said; and thus it was arranged. On the following morning Rurie was up betimes, and at the breakfast table not a word of the one all-absorbing theme was uttered. After meal was finished the gunmaker went out "But you will sign it !" hissed Damenoff, to his shop, and took down from one of the closets a long leathern case, in which were two swords. They were Toledo blades, and of most exquisite workmanship and finish. Rurie took out the heaviest one, which was a two-edged weapon, with a cross hilt of heavily gilded metal. He placed the point upon floor, and then, with all his weight he bent the blade till the pommel touched the point. The lithe steel sprang back to its place with

> on the anvil with great force. The ring was sharp and clear, and the weapon remained unharmed.

"By St. Michael," said the gunmaker to his boy, "Moscow does not contain another blade like that. Damascus never saw a better."

"I think you are right, my master," the boy returned, who had beheld the trial of the blade with unbounded admiration .--"But," he added, "could you not temper a blade like that ?"

"Perhaps, if I had the steel. But I have it not. The steel of these two blades came from India, and was originally in one weapon -a ponderous, two-handed affair, belonging to a Belgian chieftain. The metal possesses all the hardness of the finest razor, with the elasticity of the most subtle spring. My old

master at Toledo gave me these as a memento. Were I to mention the sum of money he was once offered for the largest, you would hardly credit it."

After this Ruric gave Paul a few directions about the work, promising to be back before night. Just then Orsa drove up to the door.

Rurie was all ready. His mother was in the kitchen. He went to her with a smile upon his face. He put his arms about her and drew her to his bosom.

"God bless you, my mother .-- I shall come back." He said this, and then he kissed her. He dared stop to speak no more, but opened

the door and passed out. "Have you a good weapon ?" asked Orsa,

as the horse started on. "I have," Rurie said, quietly; "and one which has stood more tests than most swords will bear." And after some further remarks he related the peculiar circumstances attending the making of the sword, and his possession of tt.

At length they struck up the river, and in half an hour more they reached the appointed spot. The day was beautiful. They had been upon the ground but a few minutes when the other party came in sight around the bend of the river. The monk was there also.

As soon as the Count and his second and surgeon had arrived, and the horses had been secured, the lieutenant proposed that they should repair to an old building which was

"Aye," added Damonoff .- "Let us have this business done, for I would be back to dinner. I dine with Olgo to-day, and a fair mai-

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henceforth be reported from day to day in the jour-nals of our seaboard cities. The boldest operators in Wall-street will refuse to buy or sell until they have read the quotations of that day's business on the Royal Exchange and at the Bourse, whose transactions will have closed an hour or so before ours can begin. A revolution in Paris, an impor-tant vote in Parliament, an insurrection in Italy a fire in Constantinople, will be discussed around the breakfast-tables of New Xork a few hours after its occurrence. A mighty though silent transformation in the condition of human existence has just been effected by the little wire stretching a cross the ocean's bed from the coast of Ireland to that of British America, and one inevitable result of this must be an unexampled community of fae! ing and interest smong the nations of Christen-dom, and a consequent desire for a more intimate aqcuaintance with each other's doings through the medium of the Newspaper Press. It seems hardly possible that thousands should not henceforth regularly read their own journals, who have hitherto een content with an occasional glance at those taken by their neighbors; while many who have hitherto been content with a Weekly issue will now require a Semi-Weekly or Daily. In short, Intelligence, always a vital element of growth in wisdom, success in business, or enjoyment in life, has now become indispensable to all The New York Tribune, now more than seven-teen years old, which was the first journal in the world that appeared regularly on an imperial Spage sheet at so low a price as twocents, and which has attained the unparalleled aggregate of more than 200.000 subscriptions, respectfully solicits its share of the new patronage which the Metropolitan Press is henceforth constrained, at a heavy weekly cost, to deserve. It asks especially the patronage and active favor of Republicans-of those who hate all forms of oppression, and desire that every rational being shall be free to employ his facul-Slavery-but it further appeals likemise to all who ook and labor for the return of National thrift, plenty, prosperity, through the Protection of American Industry by wisely discriminating duties on Imports-all who favor National Progress thro internal development and amelioration rather than by external aggression and extension-sil who would rather have the National resources de-roted to the construction of a Railroad to the Paifie than to the purchase or conquest of Mexico. Nichragua or Cuba-all who would retrench radi-cally our present inordinate Federal expenditures by abolishing or immensely reducing the Army and Navy, and expending the money thus savea on works of beneficence which will endure to bless our children-all who profoundly realize that "Righteourness exalteth a nation." and that no eal advantage can ever accrue to any person or ommunity from acquisitions or successes achieved by means which contravene the laws of Eternal The free allotment of limited po, tions of light the Public Lands to Actual Settlers thereon, and every hopeful plan intended to diminish the sum of human misery from dearth of employment or inadequate recompense-every scheme especially that seeks to help the unfortunate by enabling and teaching them to help themselves-must command our earnest sympathy and co-operation. Within the present year, The Tribune has provided itself with a new and faster Press at a cost of \$30,000, merely that some of our subscribers may receive their papers a mail earlier than they oth-erwise might do. With correspondents at the most important points throughout the civilized world, and a staff of writers chosen from among the best in the country, we believe that even those who dis-like the politics of our sheet concede to it frankness in avowing its convictions and ability in main-taining them. We appeal, then, to those who be-lieve that an increased circulation of *The Tribune* would conduce to the political, intellectual and moral well-being of the Republic, to aid in effecting such increase. As we employ no travelling solicitors of subscriptions, we ask our present pa-trons in every locality to speak to their neighborand friends in our behalf: we shall gladly receive from any friend lists of those who would receive and read a specimen copy of one of our editions, and shall be particularly grateful to these who may send us such names from post offices at which we have no subscribers. Whatever additions may thus be made to our circulation shall be paralleled by increased efforts and expenditures o make our issues more valuable and useful than they have hitherto been. The Tribune is printed on a large imperial sheet, folded in quarto form, and mailed to subscribers on the following TERMS :

ton each other. Ruric loved Rosiland with all the fervor of his being, and he felt assured that Rosiland returned his love. As he and his mother sat debating the matter on that stormy night, a loud knock upon the outer door startled them.

"Is there any one here ?" the gunmaker asked, as he opened the door, bowing his head and shielding his eyes from the driving snow with one hand.

"Yes," returned a voice from the Stygian darkness. "In God's name let me in, or I shall perish."

"Then follow quickly," said Ruric. "Here -give me your hand. There-now come."

The youth found the thickly-gloved handgloved with the softest fur-and having led the invisible applicant into the hall he closed the door, and then led the way to the kitchen. Without speaking, Ruric turned and gazed upon the new-comer. The stranger, who was equally desirous of ascertaining what manner of man Ruric was, was a monk-and habited something like one of the Black monks of St. Michael. He was of medium hight, and possessed a rotundity of person which was comical to behold.

At length, after warming himself by the fire, the guest asked if he could be accommodated with some sleeping-place, and being answered in the affirmative, Ruric showed him to a chamber and then retired himself.

The next morning, after breakfast, the Monk went to Rurie to his shop, and examined with much interest the various weapons therein. Ruric questioned him closely as to whether he him, he took his leave.

Towards the middle of the afternoon, just recognized them as the Count Conrad Damonoff and his friend Stephen Urzen.

"I thick I speak with Ruric Nevel," said the Count, moving forward.

"You do," returned Ruric, not at all surwere in the habit of calling at his place to order arms.

"You are acquainted with the Lady Rosilind Valdai ?" he said.

"I am," answered Rurie, now beginning to wonder. "Well, sir," resumed Damonoff, with much haughtiness, "perhaps my business can be

quickly and satisfactorily settled. It is my desire to make the Lady Rosiland my wife." Ruric Nevel started at these words, and he

clasped his hands to hide their tremulousness. But he was not long debating upon an answer.

"And why have you come to me with this information, sir 7" he asked.

"Ruric Nevel, you shall not say that I did speaks a man who feels that he is doing a very condescending thing, and in the same tone he proceeded : "The Lady Rosiland is of noble and must have her for my wife. I have been to see the noble Duke, her guardian, and he objects not to my suit. But he informed me never become your wife ; but yet he is auxious not to interfere too much against her inclinations. So a simple denial from you, to the effect that you can never claim her hand, is all that is necessary. I have a paper here all drawn up, and all that I require is simply your | Hill." signature. Here-it is only a plain, simple arowal on your part that you have no hopes ! "Swords," returned Orsa. "The Count

-hing a person-

her walting-maid entered. "There is a gentleman below who would see

you," the girl replied. "Then tell him I cannot see him," said Ro-

salind, trembling. "But it is Rurie Nevel, my mistress."

"Rurie !" exclaimed the fair maiden, starting up, while the rich blood mounted to her brow and temples. "O, I am glad he has come. My prayers are surely answered. Lead him hither, Zenobie."

The girl departed, and ere long afterwards Ruric entered the apartment. He walked quickly to where Rosalind had arisen to her feet,' and taking one of her hands in both of his own he pressed it to his lips. It was with difficulty he spoke. But the emotions of his soul became calm at length, and then he receired Rosalind's promise that she would never permit her hand to be disposed of to another by the Duke of Tula. Rurie informed her of the visit of Cou t Damonoff to his shop, its purpose and the result. Rosalind was astonished and alarmed. Still she could not believe the Duke meant to bestow her hand upon Damonoff. The Duke owed him money, she said, and that he might, perhaps, be playing with the Count.

Ruric started as a new suspicion flashed upon him. Had the Duke sent Damonoff upon that mission on purpose to get him into a quarrel. "Aye," thought the youth to himself, "the Duke knows that I have taught the sword-play, and he knows that the Count would be no match for me. So he thinks in this subtle manner to make me an instrument for had ever met him before, but the Monk re-plied evasively, and after saying that in case careful not to let Rosalind know of this. He the gunmaker should ever, in any great emer- thought she would be unhappy if she knew gency, need a friend, that he might apply to that a duel was likely to come off between himself and the Count.

After some minutes of comparative silence. as Rurie had finished tempering some parts of Rurie took leave of Rosalind, and was soon in a gun-lock, the back door of his shop was o- the open court. Here he entered his sledge, pened, and two men entered. They were and then drove to the barracks in the Khitayoung men, dressed in costly furs, and both of gorod, where he inquired for a young friend them stout and good-looking. The gunmaker named Orsa, a lieutenant of the guard. The officer was quickly found, and as he met Ruric his salutation was warm and cordial. After the first friendly greetings had passed, Ruric remarked, "I may have a meeting with Conrad Count Damonoff. He has sought a prised by the visit, since people of all classes quarrel-insulted me most grossly-aimed a blow at my heud-and I knocked him down. You can judge as well as I what the result must be.'

"Most surely he will challenge you," cried the officer, excitedly.

"So I think," resumed Rurie, caluly. "And now will you serve me in the event ?"

"With pleasure."

And thereupon Ruric related all that had occurred at the time of the Count's visit to his shop, and then took his leave.

He reached home just as his mother was spreading the board for dinner. He often went away on business, and she thought not of asking him any questions.

On questioning Paul, in the shop, in the af-ternoon, Ruric, to his great surprise, learned not make myself fully understood, and hence that the Black Monk had been there during I will explain." The Count spoke this as his absence, to purchase a dagger; that he had drawn out from the boy a minute account of the visit of Urzen and Damonoff, and that he seemed to be much pleased with Ruric's parentage and very wealthy. My own station conduct. As they were talking, Urzen called and wealth are equal with hers. I love her, and presented a challenge from the Count. Rurie at once referred him to his friend, and he took his leave.

That evening, about eight o'clock, a sledge that there was one impediment, and that was drove up to Ruric's door, and young Orsa enher love for you. He knows full well\_as I tered the house. He called Ruric aside, and know, and as all must know-that she could informed him that the arrangements had all been made.

"Damonoff is in a hurry," he said, "and we have appointed the meeting at ten o'clock tomorrow forenoon. It will take place at the bend of the river just beyond the Viska "And the weapons ?" asked Ruric.

den awaits my coming." "Notice him not," whispered Orsa, who

walked close by Ruric's side. "That is one of his chief points when engaged in an affair of this kind. He hopes to get you angry, and so unhinge your nerves."

"Never fear," answered the gunmaker. The party halted when they reached the interior of the rough structure, and Count threw off his pelisse and drew his sword. Ruric folment of Tobacco and Cigars, always on hand. lowed his example.

"Sir Count," the latter said, as he moved a "Sir Count," the latter said, as he moved a step forward, "ere we commence this work I wish all present to understand distinctly how I stand. You have sought this quarrel from tice, anything of the kind that may be wanted the first. Without the least provocation from by the citizens of Clearfield. The public are respectfully invited to call and see his stock, which he thinks cannot fail to meet me you have insulted me most grossly, and this is the climax. So, before God and man, the wants and wishes of persons who desire any be the result upon your own head." of the articles in his line of business. He solicits

"Out, lying knave-"

"Hold," cried the surgeon, laying his hand heavily upon the Count's arm. "You have no Call and judge for yourselves. Remember the place, the "OLD JEW STORE." on Market street right to speak thus, for you lower yourself when you do it. If you have come to fight, do so honorably."

THE "GREAT REPUBLIC" MONTH-An angry reply was upon Damonoff's lips, but he did not speak it. He turned to his antagonist and said .--

"Will you measure weapons, sir? Mine December, 1858, so as to be in season to command the early attention of the public and periodical may be a mite the longest. I seek no advantage : and I have one here of the same length trade, the first number of a new Illustrated Ma-azine, to be called The Great Republic' Monthl and weight of my own if you wish it."

"I am well satisfied as it is," replied Ruric. in every respect to anything ever before issued in this country. The general scope of its character can best be understood by its name. It will be thor-

"Then take your ground .- Are you ready ?"

44I am !??

The two swords were crossed in an instant, with a clear, sharp clang.

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