



A Winter in Russia: From the French of Theophile Gautier (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from A Winter in Russia: From the French of Theophile Gautier We seem scarcely to have started, and yet already France lies far behind us. Concerning the intermediate space traversed in his flight by the nocturnal hippogriff, I shall say nothing. Imagine me at Dentz, across the Rhine, contemplating from the end of the bridge of boats that silhouette of Cologne, which the Jean-Marie Farina boxes have rendered so familiar, now outlined against the splendors of a sunset sky. The bell of the Rhenish railway strikes. We take our seats, and steam rushes off with the train at a gallop. To-morrow at six, I shall be in Berlin; yesterday, when the street-lamps were lighted, I was in Paris. This surprises no one but myself, in our marvellous nineteenth century. The train spins along across great plains gilded by the setting sun; soon night comes, and with it, sleep. At stations remote from one another, German voices shout German names; I do not recognize them by the sound, and look for them in vain upon the map....



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