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The hero of this story, Julian Wyatt, is a careless, good-natured youth, who becomes, quite innocently, mixed up with smugglers – when smuggling was common in the south coast of England. The smugglers carry him to France, and hand him over as a prisoner to the French; but he subsequently regains his freedom by joining Napoleon's army in the campaign against Russia. The young Englishman takes part in the great battles of Smolensk and Borodino, arriving at Moscow with the victorious Emperor. Then, when the terrible retreat begins, Julian finds himself in the rear-guard of the French army, fighting desperately, league by league, against famine, snow-storms, wolves, and Russians. Ultimately he escapes, after rescuing the daughter of a Russian Count; makes his way to St. Petersburg; and then returns to England. A story with an excellent plot, exciting adventures, and splendid historical interest.

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