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CHAPTER I.

THE LITTLE PIE MERCHANT.

PIES all hot, all hot! Who'll buy my pies—my smoking hot pies?' cried a lad about twelve years of age, advancing gaily towards a group of soldiers that were guarding the entrance of the Kremlin.

'Ah, Saasha, my lad, it is a long time since I set eyes on thee,' said one of the soldiers, when he saw the young pie-man; 'what hast got good on thy tray?'

'What should I have but pies, smoking hot pies?' said the boy. 'Will you not buy some? I warrant me you'll lick your fingers when you have tasted them; they're downright good ones, they are.'