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SORVA OF WORONZOVA

Drawn from life by Hurper Pennington

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In a series of letters to a friend By JOSEPH BUTHOMAS

"The chase I sing, bounds, and their various breed,

"And no less various uses . . .

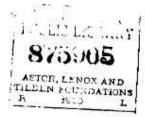
"Deign thou to hear my bold, instructive song."

Somesville

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FOREWORD

This little book not only gives a striking picture of the wonderfully beautiful Borzoi with more accurate historical data of his Russian environment than has probably appeared elsewhere, but it contains an enlightening description of his use, capabilities, and limitations. The author has studiously avoided the suggestions and pitfalls of some of the earlier importers and fanciers who claimed an impossible combination of speed, endurance, and courage for the Borzoi. He has expended more time and energy in fixing a correct type of this picturesque hound than any American, and probably more than any one in Europe, barring a very few in Russia.

The results achieved by him in popularizing and developing the Borzoi in the United States solely for the love of the hound and for sport, the large numbers of fine specimens imported and bred by him, his travels in Russia, where he hunted with the Borzoi and studied the history and type, his experience in coursing on our own plains with sight-hounds of all

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modern kinds, clearly make the writer of this book an authority on the subject.

The valuable matter contained herein and the charming style in which it is narrated must appeal to all lovers of man's most faithful friend, and above all to those who are interested in a hound "no fonder of fighting than the deerhound, faithful as the collie, and more picturesque than either."

HENRY T. ALLEN

Major U. S. A.; some time U. S. Military Attaché
at St. Petersburg.

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