



Pictorial map of Russia

ALEPH [HARVEY, William].
Russia

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Anthropomorphic map of Russia, depicted as a bear and a Tzar Alexander II. The text below the image reads, "Peter, and Catherine and Alexander, Mad Paul, and Nicholas, poor shadows wander Out in the cold: while Emperor A. the Second In Eagles, Priests and Bears supreme is reckoned". It was published in 'Geographical Fun', a charming atlas of caricature maps of European counties, drawn, according to the preface, by a fifteen-year-old girl to amuse her sick brother. The author was, however, William Harvey (1796-1873), a London doctor and journalist, best-known for his book 'London Scenes and London People', 1863. The maps contain many references to the political changes sweeping through continental Europe, with representations of Garibaldi and Bismarck.

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