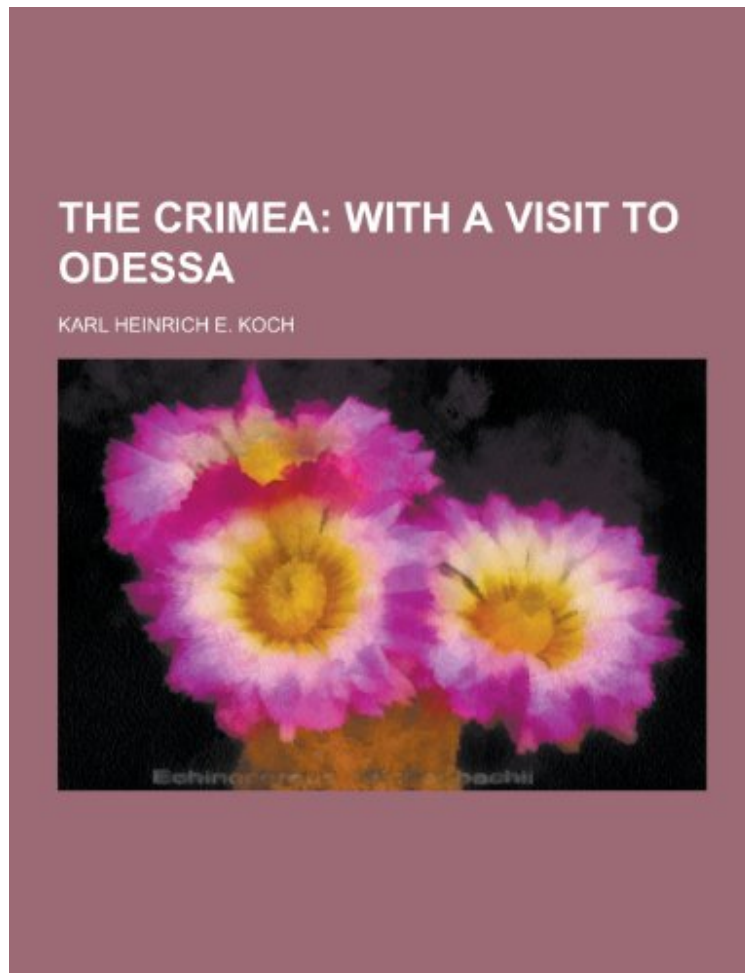


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the name of Gaspra, and belongs to a Prince Galitzin, who was formerly postmaster-general, and was forced to resign his functions through an operation that was performed on his eyes. He was residing here at the time, to enjoy the benefits of a southern climate. We soon reached Great Oreanda, the lovely palace of the Emperor. Unluckily, the road here runs through dense woods, and a low, odious wall interrupts the prospect of the beautiful park. At last we arrived at Livadia, indubitably the most exquisite spot on the whole southern coast. It belongs to Count Potocki, Russian ambassador at Naples. Instead of a wall there was a simple railing, which gave us an opportunity of admiring the exquisite plantations from the high road. From this place the road ran down to Yalta. Yalta and Alupka further to the east are the only places on the southern coast where alluvium has been deposited, and where it is possible to walk for a few hundred yards on perfectly level ground. The coast range not only recedes here further from the sea, but there is a deep fissure in the hitherto uninterrupted cliffs. Through this gorge bounds a merry, rapid stream, which collects...