

tion. "Well, I suppose thou must have him! Shall we send Mary Hastings to the tiger's den in thy place?" she laughed. "What say'st thou, Mary?"

Mary Hastings made a grimace. "Let him eat up this Muscovish Mary," she said. "English meat is too strong for him; see how but a taste of Amy Romalyn has turned his stomach."

"Tell me one more thing, Amy," said I, on a day when we spoke of all these matters. "Why didst thou go to Muscovy to the Tsar's Court?"

"In order to show a certain blindworm how much I hated him," said Amy, laughing, "and that I would do any rash thing to escape from England and his presence!"

"And then he came with thee—awkward, interfering fool!" said I.

"Else I had been there now," Amy murmured, "a poor writhing victim beneath the claws of the Muscovish tiger, instead of the happiest wife in all England!"

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