Babo Bagration Davithashvili (of the royal family of Georgia)

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I have thought I should like to introduce to my fellow readers of the good Bel Mag. some of the women I have met in my wanderings abroad. Allow me to present to you to-day Babo, a Georgian princess, whose family claims to be descended from David, King of Israel. When I first met Babo at an evening party in the house of her married sister she was a girl who had just finished her education. She was the gayest of the gay, throwing herself heart and soul into the enjoyment of the moment. At supper she leapt up again and again to toast and welcome us strangers. She played to us, danced to us, and made eloquent little speeches in her native tongue which were applauded by all present. It was not only for her gaiety that she was loved; even in those days her heart was full of generosity. In her simple straightforward way she has told me how of the time of the persecution of the Doukhobors, when these Russian quakers were shot down for refusing to bear arms and doff their hats to [pg 2] earthly authority, eighty of them came to her country house when she was alone and asked for shelter. She took them all in, men, women, and children, housed them in barns, stables, and outhouses, fed them, gave them work and kept them for two years until they were able to emigrate to Canada. They are not very easy people to deal with, these stiff necked dissenters, as our Canadian authorities have since discovered, but Babo seems to have won their hearts and even now she receives letters from them.