

They affect the dead heroes, of course, though if they
See one who is wounded, and think it will pay—
Such facts are on record—commensurate gains
Have led them to tamper with jugular veins!
There are women and women, though happily few
Who are found to belong to this vulture-like crew.

in the matter of becoming costume, since the
wearing of the emblem of their office, not only in
the shape of an ordinary brassard, but on the
breast of their white aprons, gave an additionally
vivid touch of colour to those Hospital Wards,



"A RUSSIAN NON-COMBATANT."

If merely suggest their existence, and now—
Place the chaplet of honour upon the chaste brow
Of the fair Rosicrucian, whose merciful care
Brings Sunshine to Sorrow and Hope to Despair!

"From a picturesque point of view, too, the
women of the Russian Red Cross seemed (when
nature combined with art) to excel their sisters

where, on their errands of mercy, they untiringly
went from bed to bed. Thus, it has seemed fitting
to add a sketch of one of them to my other illus-
trations; indeed, it would be ungracious in bring-
ing this record of my experiences to a close not
to do so." A spontaneous and charming tribute
to a noble band of noble women.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)