He explains to Raina: "I've no ammunition. What use are cartridges in battle? I always carry chocolate instead; and I finished the last cake of that hours ago" (Act I, p. 25). Raina's father is one of the officers in the Bulgarian army, he joins army so as to get the rank of major. Raina describes her father to the man in her bedroom and says: "I must tell you that my father holds the highest command of any Bulgarian in our army. He is a Major" (Act I, p. 31). Major Petkoff is a major and a business—man in the Bulgarian army; in the war he makes a trade of horses and his talk with Sergius explains this.