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DISTANT VIEW OF CONSTANTINOPIE.

It is very hard for Constantinople to live up to its reputation. It is the most extravagantly-praised city in the world. Even Naples must yield the palm in rhapsody of description to the famous city of the Golden Horn. The editor of Murray's exact and matter-of-fact hand-book on Turkey is not apt to indulge in poetic license. The following sentences will indicate his high appreciation of this stately and beautiful city:

"There is no lovelier scene on earth than that which opens up before the traveller as he approaches Constantinople from the Sea of Marmora. It is like a vision of paradise—so bright, so varied in outline, so rich in colour, Vol. XXXVI. No. 5.