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I. BEFORE THE INTRODUCTION OF CARD MONEY*

THE general expansion of life in Europe during the fifteenth century, found special expression in the new commercial enterprise which began its rapid development in the latter part of that century and continued through the following one. The

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