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## Corinth.

This famous city of antiquity has a history most interesting. It was at one time the most famous of all the Grecian cities. History tells us that in all probability, it was founded by the Phœnicians, about the year 1350 B. C. Its citadel was an isolated hill, eighteen hundred and eighty-six feet high, and was the most gigantic natural citadel in all Europe, being much higher than either the Acropolis of Athens or the fortress of Gibraltar.

But Corinth has done something for the world after all. It was here that the art of painting first originated, and architecture, statuary, and bronze work received much attention.

St. Paul visited Corinth and preached Christ there. A church was planted there, and the two epistles to the Corinthians, which we find in our New Testaments are the two letters which he wrote to that Church. Since that time it has been twice destroyed, and each time it has been restored. The

## Patches and Heroes.

"THREE! four! five! How funny!" cried the girls. "Hurrah!" shouted the boys. What were they counting? Yes; the patches on poor little Constance's dress. She heard every word and the boys' loud laugh. Poor little heart! At first she looked down, then the tears came with a great rush, and she tried to run home.

"Cry-baby!" said the boys.

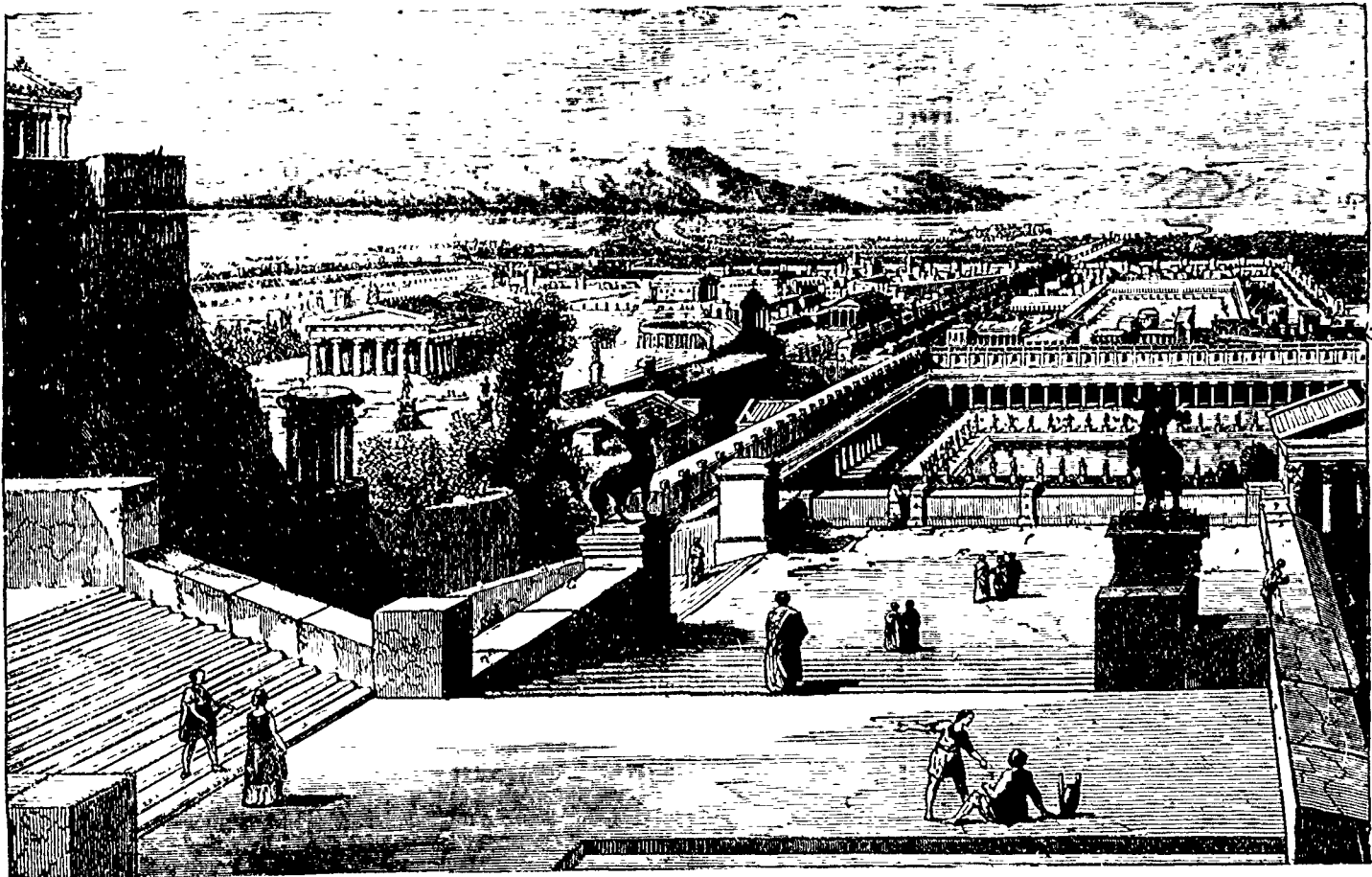
"Don't want her to sit next to me," said Ella Gray.

"No matter for that. It has pretty vines and climbing roses, and it's a very nice house to live in," said Douglas. "I daresay you are happy there."

"Yes. I don't want to come to this school again," said Constance, softly.

"Oh, things will be all right in a day or two," said the boy kindly. "Never mind them just now."

The scholars had been talking of heroes a little while before; they had been wishing to be like Alexander and Cæsar and Napoleon. There was not



CITY OF CORINTH—RESTORED.

At the northern foot of this hill, lay the city.

In the year 146 B. C., the city was completely destroyed by the Romans, and lay in ruins for a whole century. In the year 46 B. C., Julius Cæsar rebuilt it, and made it the capital of Achaia. It became again a powerful and prosperous city, but never regained its former importance.

The wealth of its merchants caused Corinth to become the most wicked city in Greece, and some of the worst kinds of sin were not only legalized but incorporated into their religion.

last time it was rebuilt its position was changed, bringing it near the Gulf of Corinth. Our picture shows you the city as it appeared after its first restoration, and as St. Paul saw it.

A LITTLE six-year-old boy went into the country visiting. About the first thing he got was a bowl of bread and milk. He tasted it, and then hesitated a moment, when his mother asked him if he didn't like it, to which he replied, smacking his lips: "Yes, ma'ma. I was only wishing that our milkman in town would keep a cow."

"What right has she to come to our school!" whispered proud Lilly Gross.

"There! don't mind a word they say!" exclaimed Douglas Stewart, leaving the group of rude boys and trying to comfort Constance. "Let me carry your books," he continued. "Cheer up! It is only a little way to your home, is it?"

Constance looked up through her tears to see the bravest boy in school at her side.

"I live in the little house under the hill," said Constance. "It isn't like your grand house."

a hero among them except this same Douglas Stewart, who dared to stand out before all his school mates and befriend this poor, forlorn little girl.—*S. S. Visitor.*

God weighs our characters, our actions, our motives, our intentions.

We are weighed when we are tested by temptation, by opportunities to do good, by the Bible.

Sin helps to bring its own punishment, as we see in the case of intemperance.