



PUERTO DEL SOL, TOLEDO.

for these, all of which are diverse from one another, but the finest that the quarries of the world could produce, the temples of Sicily, Greece, Rome, Carthage, Egypt, Phoenicia, were all despoiled of their finest materials. The vast edifice was lighted by four thousand seven hundred lamps, fed with oil perfumed with amber, aloes and frankincense.

The journey from Cordova to Granada lies through scenery of surpassing grandeur. Wild savage sierras intersected by almost inaccessible ravines, groves of olive, forests of corkwood, and richly fer-

tile valleys where winter is unknown, and which produce two or three harvests in the year, succeed one another.

And now the Sierra Nevada comes into view, and gives a glory to the scene which nothing but a series of snow-capped mountain peaks could give. At Loja we enter upon the rich and beautiful Vegas of Granada, rejoicing in perpetual sunshine, watered abundantly by innumerable streams replenished through the summer by the snows of the Sierra Nevada—a region of incredible fertility.

On the edge of this fertile plain,