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Jerusalem of To-Day.

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"The present population of Jerusalem is not far from forty thousand, and more than half are Jews. They live in a separate quarter of their own, as do also the various divisions of Christians—as the Armenians, the Greeks and the Protestants. All these quarters are densely built with narrow and irregular lanes for streets; but the prevailing prosperity does not seem to reach the abode of the Hebrew. The indications are all of extreme poverty. A synagogue was pointed out bearing an inscription showing that it was the gift of a Paris Rothschild; but its mean appearance and unattractive surroundings bore no suggestion of critical refinement in the congregation. The articles of food set out for sale in the petty little shops were often squalid and repulsive. We came so often upon spoiled salt fish among the stores exposed by the vendors, that we concluded it must form a regular element of diet in the quarter. There was no visible sign of industry by which the people might earn their living, and no one need be surprised to learn that in various parts of the world the well-to-do and charitable Jews are regularly called upon to contribute to the support of their brethren living in Jerusalem."

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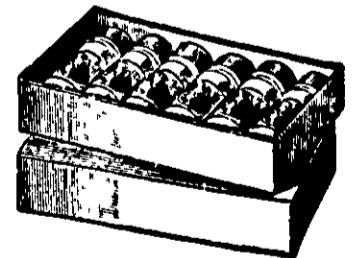
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