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genius for ever re-echoing. The Greek temple in process of time became the Christian basilica. The Roman galley was the remote ancestor of the turret-ship, and Cowper has taught us all the antecedents of the sofa. There is nothing new under the sun: "Every novel is a debtor to Homer"; "Every carpenter who shaves with a fore-plane borrows the genius of a forgotten invention." Naturally enough strong family likenesses exist between magpie English villages, and the picturesque timber-framed hamlets on the banks of the Rhine and Moselle. Nor can we wonder that the narrow, malodorous streets of an Italian town arched with buttresses, and hung with dirty