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It was on a lovely morning that we visited the Haram-es-Sherif, or Noble Sanctuary, as the Temple enclosure is called by the Moslems. A few years ago it would have been death to a Christian to make an attempt to enter it; but now, except on high festival occasions, it is easy to get permission, through one of the consuls. We went, I remember, under the ægis of the

American Consul; and his *kawass*, a warlike-looking functionary, with silver-knobbed staff of office, and sword at side, accompanied us as representative of the protectorate of the United States, and on presentation of the consular permit at the guard-house, a Turkish official was also detailed to accompany us. Soon after entering the enclosure we had a somewhat amusing proof of the insane bitterness against Christians in the actions and words of a poor old woman, who railed at us with what I suppose was a tirade of abuse, while she tried hard