

philosophy of Plato and Aristotle. The agents of Lorenzo il Magnifico swept the monasteries of the Levant for the precious MSS., the flotsam and jetsam of the ancient world, which

Rome, and later, of Amsterdam, Paris and London, it flew abroad on all the winds. In Italy the Archæus fount of long-buried art and science sprang to life, sparkling and



FLORENCE, SHOWING THE ARNO AND BRIDGES.
Duomo to the right, Palazzo Vecchio in centre.

had drifted into these quiet retreats. The invention of a German mechanic gave new wings to this rescued learning, and from the presses of Florence, Venice, and

flashing in the new-found light. From the rich soil of the Campagna were daily rescued fresh relics of the past—lovely marble torsoes, whose very fragments were at