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CONSTANTINOPLE.

OWARDS this eastern city the attention of the civilized world is at present directed. The negotiations that are now going on within its walls, whatever be their issue, cannot frustrate the high destiny that nature and providence seem to have marked for a city situated mid-way between two great seas—the Black Sea and the Mediterranean—white all the year round with the sails of commerce, and mid-way also between the two great continents of Asia and Europe, full of earth's wealth.

For position the city is, we believe, unequalled in the whole world, and through that position is destined yet to realize the hopes of its founder when he bestowed on it the title of "SECOND, OR NEW ROME." In the forty-first degree of latitude it is, as regards climate and productions, not unlike Naples, Madrid, Philadelphia, and San Francisco, which lie nearly on the same parallel. The Bosphorus, a winding channel of sixteen miles long, by which the waters of the Black Sea flow, with a rapid and incessant course, towards the Sea of Marmora, on which the city is built, and the Hellespont, a channel sixty miles long, through which the Sea of Marmora, by a tortuous course, seeks the Mediterranean—these two channels are the gates of Constantinople. Let these gates be shut, and Constantinople (as will be seen by our quotation below), which is easily defended on