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**Tride over the Appenines.**

It was a pleasant day in April that we spent in Trieste, the sea-port of Austria. But being bound northward, and over mountain ranges, we had just reason to expect colder weather ahead. Subsequent experience fully justified such expectations.— Three o'clock, P. M., was the hour appointed for the starting of the diligence. Every seat was occupied.

By express stipulation we were not to be placed among smokers. Accordingly, the writer and his traveling companion were assigned seats in the rondo, a small apartment at the rear of the diligence, resembling the inside of a two-wheeled cab. The two other seats of the rondo were occupied by females belonging to the country.

One of these females proved to be a character. She was the wife of an officer in the Austrian army. She spoke four languages fluently, and snatches of some others. Italian proved the most convenient medium of communication with her during the journey.

She was very talkative; and in narrating her personal history, gave a striking illustration of the power of religious prejudice. She said that

while stationed with his regiment in Italy, a few years before, her husband had by some means become a reader of the Bible, and had changed his religion. He had become a Protestant. Similar changes, she stated had occurred with several other officers during the same campaign. But this change she regarded as a worse calamity to her husband than death itself. Indeed, she would say, again and again, "He is dead to me," declaring that she and her children were separated from him on account of his protestantism, and expected to be forever.

These expressions seemed to be a sort of despairing utterance, made probably in obedience to the instructions of her priestly confessor, and yet insufficient to stifle her affections for the companion of her youth.

We could but hope that her own heart might one day be softened by that word of truth, which even alone, and among hostile troops, is quick and powerful to conquer the rebellious will, and bring it into subjection to Christ. What but such a conquest could have enabled that Austrian officer to take such a decided Christian course as would virtually separate him