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ROUND ABOUT NAPLES.

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NAPLES AND MOUNT VESUVIUS FROM THE ROYAL PALACE.



SEE Naples and then die."

"Vedi Napoli e poi mori," says the proverb.

I cannot say that my first view of this much belauded scene was so satisfying that I had no further zest in life. It was with keen interest that I first caught sight of the distant cone of Mount

Vesuvius, with its lofty column of smoke and steam—a pillar of cloud by day, of fire by night. My first

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impressions of Naples were not favourable. After escaping from the hands of importunate "commissionaires," I was driven through miles of narrow streets, flanked by lofty and monotonous houses, and filled with bustling crowds, overladen donkeys, clamorous vendors of fruit, vegetables, ice-water, etc., and tinkers, cobblers, and artisans of every class, working out of doors—the population is over half a million.

The magnificent prospect from the balcony of my hotel, far up the