

sembling in appearance a "blunt triangle surmounted by a parapet," rise above and conceal the roofs. One traveller was astonished to discover that the whole city presents the appearance of a town which had been shaken by an earthquake. This is due to the fact that the houses, with rare exceptions, lean more or less,



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—sometimes forward, as though on the point of tumbling into the street, sometimes backward, sometimes to the left, sometimes to the right. This is caused by the unequal setting of the piles on which the houses are built. The effect upon the sightseer is peculiar in the extreme.

Walking along a narrow street, you are surprised at the sudden