Holland's oldest and most illustrious city, rich in historical associations; the seat of a university, which drew learned men from everywhere, offered a home to philosophy when banished from France, had at one time Arminius and Gomarus on its staff of professors, and became, for a season, the most famous school of Europe. It would be pleasant, even in fancy, to tread the streets of Haarlem, which, by means of a bronze statue, claims the honour of the invention of printing for Lawrence Janszoon, a claim which



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sober history does not sustain; where a picture gallery of rare interest attracts the visitor; where an organ, said a few years ago, to be the largest in the world, and rejoicing in the reputation of having been played by Handel, "and by a boy ten years old, whose name was Mozart," is to be heard; where a craze for tulips once existed, involving hundreds of men and women in financial ruin.

No Hollander would forgive us if we omitted a visit to Amsterdam, "the Venice of the north, queen of the Zuyder Zee," And