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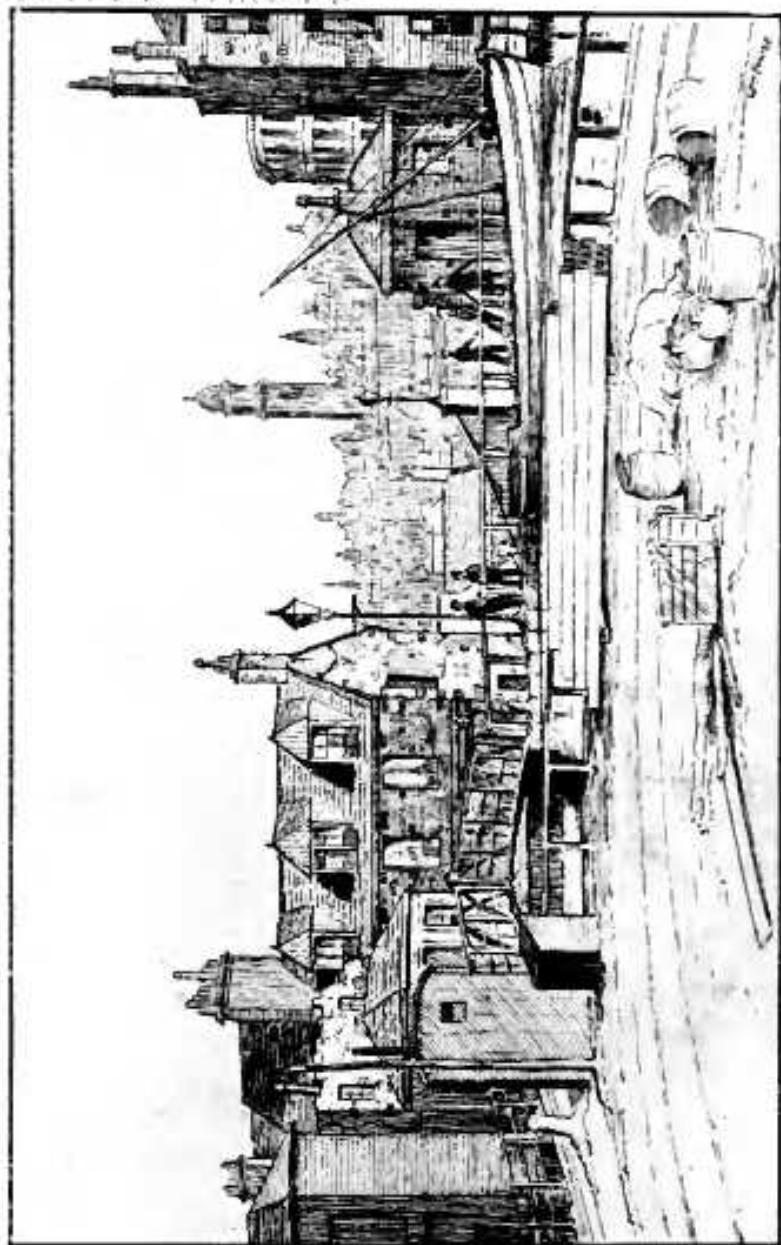
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"IF I had ten thousand pounds," said my cousin Zenobia, "I'd invest five thousand——"

"Better say eight thousand," I interrupted. "Interest may go down before prices, and your tastes are not Spartan."

"Well, eight thousand—and with the rest I'd——"

"Travel."

"How did you know?"

"By an enormously complex and fearsomely rapid process of deduction, not unlike that by which I anticipate, when I see lightning, that I shall hear thunder."

"It's been the dream of my life."

"I could have told you that too. But I can tell you more. I can tell you where you would go."

I made only one mistake. I included Munich and Dresden. My mind was moving in pre-war channels. Zenobia's wasn't. She is an ex-sergeant-major in the W.V.R., and organised a protest against the supplying of a superior quality of margarine to German prisoners. "I won't set a foot in Hunland as long as I live," she said severely. So I shunned the German frontier. For the rest, the task was easy. I had only to follow the Inky Way and nearer galaxies of Baedeker: Paris, Switzerland, Florence, Rome, Naples, Athens, the Isles of Greece, the Pyramids, the Temples of Luxor, Jerusalem, and Damascus—and Paris again for the