

THE CITY OF SELEUCIA

BY HARVEY HOWARD

It is just the sweetest city!
Yes sometimes I think it pity
Those who dwell within those pretty
White dwellings on the hill.

It is so peaceful, pleasant,
And fair to dwellers present;
And the partridge and the pheasant
Feel no fear, it is so still.

Its walls are low and narrow,
And the linnet and the sparrow
Make the only music there. Oh!
So silent are its bowers:

Never have its doors a rover;
Myrtle green and reddish clover
Grow in wreathed profusion over
Its many earthen domes.

Here are found no wreaths of laurel,
None of better rue and sorrel;
Never comes the sound of quarrel
In these quiet and vacant ways.

No sound of stately masses,
Nor of any praises, passes
Upward through the growing grasses
All the morose, voiceless days.

Men from other cities wander,
Other home ties sometimes sunder;
Not so in the white town yonder
On the wide-browed hill.

Not a shadow of returning,
Not a jot of fear or yearning
In the dwellers' bosoms burning,
Ever came, or ever will.

O, peace so pure and tender,
So wrapp'd about in splendor,
So needless of defender
Or champion or aid.

Each life must have its knelling;
Some day he who is telling,
Still come and claim a dwelling
Among your resting dead.

All About a Brick.

A well-known citizen relates an incident somewhat in this wise: One bright morning in the month of November, some years ago, I was preparing to go down town, when the servant informed me that a man was waiting at the front door to see me.

"Well him I'll be down in a moment," said I. On going to the door a man of tall stature and robust appearance, calling me by name, requested assistance, saying that he had a large family, a wife in delicate health, and no means to procure food for them.

"You appear to be strong and healthy; why don't you work?" asked I. "Simply, sir, for the reason that I cannot procure work."

"Not having any work to give him, I thought I would test the sincerity of his intentions. 'If I give you work, what pay do you want?'"

"Anything, sir, you choose to give me, so long as I can obtain means for my suffering family."

account, had laid up money, and expected to build himself a house up town.

"What became of that brick?" I inquired. "That brick, sir, has always occupied a place on our mantelpiece, and we value it as the most precious of our little possessions. It has made our fortune."

Legislation Against Gaming. Nearly every nation has made some sort of laws, either restricting or abolishing gaming.

When Gen. Scott took Mexico and Vera Cruz, and placed Governors over them, gaming was licensed, and considerable revenue returned. In 1830, roulette tables were licensed in North Carolina, and billiard tables are to-day licensed all over the United States.

The laws in Europe are various in regard to gaming. By the French law, as it stood before the Revolution, minors alone could recover their losses at play.

By the Prussian code all games of chance are prohibited except when licensed by the State. Gambling debts are not the subject of action; but moneys paid cannot be sued for by the loser.

Wagers give a right of action when the stakes are constituted in cash in the hands of a third person; they are void when a winner had a knowledge of the event and concealed it.

In Austria no right of action is given to either winner or loser. All games of chance are prohibited except when licensed by the State.

The provisions of the Sardinian code are similar to the French. The Bavarian code distinguishes between games of mixed and pure skill and games of mere chance.

In Spain wagers are lawful when not in themselves fraudulent or relating to something unlawful or criminal.

In England at common law all gaming houses are regarded as nuisances, and those who keep them (independent of statutory provisions) liable to be indicted and punished by fine and imprisonment at discretion.

The act (8 and 9 Vict., 109) facilitated proceedings against any common gaming-house by enacting, in default of any other evidence, it shall be sufficient to prove that such house or place is kept or used for playing therein at any unlawful game, and that a book is kept there by one or two players, exclusively of the others, or that the chances of any game played therein are not alike favorable to all the players.

such entry, whether by breaking open doors, or otherwise, and to take into custody all persons who shall be found therein, and to seize and destroy all tables and instruments of gaming found in such houses or premises, and also to seize all moneys and securities for moneys found therein.

At all times ships of one kind or another are floating about at sea, abandoned by officers and crew, in what seems a hopeless condition.

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