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Excerpt: . XXX. BUYUK-DERE.--SWEET-WATERS OP EUROPE. Buyuk-dere, seen from the terrace of Therapia, is one of the most charming pleasure villages in the world. The shore curves at this place, and describes a semi-circle, into which the waters pour, to subside in gentle undulations upon the beach. Elegant habitations (among which is discernible the summer palace of the Russian Embassy) rise upon the borders of the sea, at the foot of the hills which form the channel of the Bosphorus. The rich merchants of Constantinople possess there country houses, to which, every night, they are conveyed by steam-boat, to be re-conveyed to their places of business every morning. Upon the terrace of Buyuk-Dere, after sunset, the Greek and Armenian ladies, superbly dressed, promenade. The lights of the cafés and the houses blend in the water with the silvery wake of the moon and the reflections...



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