

them, they weave the beautiful pieces of silk, ribbon, or velvet, when ordered by the silk merchants.

8. Sometimes they have nothing to do for a long while, and suffer much, because this is their only way of getting money. They all live in one part of the city, on a hill between the two rivers on the banks of which Lyons is built. The largest of these is the *Rhone*, of which you will learn more another time.

9. The hills that slope up from the river banks are covered with tall, beautiful buildings shaded with fine trees, and are ornamented with many noble monuments. This makes the city look very pleasant; but, if you go about, you will not like it so well. The streets are narrow and disagreeable; and by the side of magnificent structures, you will often find ruinous old houses, and dust and dirt so thick that you can hardly bear to walk about.

10. The streets that lead up the hillsides are very crooked, and sometimes so steep that it has been necessary to make stairways in some places. But, after you are upon the top of the highest hill, you will feel well repaid for the hard walk you have had. From this hilltop you can see the whole city, with the two rivers gliding like silver bands among its beautiful buildings; the green valley of the *Rhone*, with the great plain at the west of it; and even, far away to the east, the high *Alps*, looking like masses of purple clouds.

11. *Marseilles* is another fine city. It is on the coast of the *Mediterranean* Sea, — an arm of the Atlantic which separates Europe from Africa. This is a much warmer place than Paris or Lyons, and has much less rain. It is in that part of France which has the bright,