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Pilgrims' Progress

FAIR FLORENCE,

The eternal City of ROME:
Delivered under the Similitude of a

RIDE

Wherein is Discovered,
Themanner of their fetting out,
Their Dangerous Journey; And safe
Arrival at the Desired City.

And Behold they wrought a Work on the Wheels.

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A FRIEND'S Apology

For this Booke.

By CHARLES G. LELAND.

Loe I what is this which Ime to sett before ye? It is, I ween, a very pleasant Story, How two young Pilgrimes who the World would see, Did Wheele themselves all over Italy. One meant to write on't, whence it may be said That for the Nonce hers was the Wheelwright's trade; Which is a clever Crafte, for yee have heard What flits about as a familiar Word Which in a Workshopp often meets the Eare, "Bad Wheelwright maketh a good Carpentere." If of a bad one such a Saying's true, Oh what, I pray, may not a good one do? For by Experience I do declare 'Tis easier to make Books than build a Chaire. Experto crede - I have tried them Both, And sweare a Book is easier - on my Oathe!

He who with her a Pilgriming did go, —
That was her Husband. As this Book doth show,

Rare skill he had when he would Sketches take,
And from those Sketches prittie Pictures make.
She with the Pen could well illuminate,
He with the Pencil Nature illustrate.
Oh, is't not strange that what they did so well
In the Pen way meets in the Name Pen-nell?
By which the Proverb doth approved appeare,
Nomen est Omen, — as is plain and cleere.
Which means to say that every Soule doth Bear
A Name well suited to his charactere.

Now, when this Couple unto Mee did come. And askt me iff I'de write a little Pome, That Tale and Picture as they rouled along Might have some small Accomp'niment of Song. I set my Pen to Paper with Delighte, And quickly had my Thoughts in Black and White. Even as JOHN BUNYAN said he did of yore, So I, because I'd done the like before. Since I was the first man of modern time Who on the bycicle e'er wrote a Rime, How I a Lady in a Vision saw Upon a Wheel like that of Budda's Law, Which kept the Path and went exceeding fast; Loe ! now my Vision is fulfilled at last, In this brave writer who with ready Hand Hath guided well the Wheel ore many a Land, Showing the World by her adventurous Course How one may travel fast as any Horse,