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GHARDAIAN JEWS.

On returning to the city, I visited the Jews' quarter, which is a distinct portion of Ghardaia, with separate gates. The whole of the Hebrew population is employed in the working of metals, —chiefly as jewellers and silversmiths, with a few farriers and blacksmiths.

I never saw black Jews; but those of Ghardaia are as dark as the Hindoos. From the Jewish quarter I went to the market. The square was surrounded by men sitting on the ground, in rows three deep, some buyers and some sellers, the latter with the wares on their knees or piled up by their side. A negro proclaimed aloud the article to be sold, while an assistant carried it around the square for examination; it was then put up and sold or bought in. Among other articles sold were date-