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The greatest city of the Danube—Vienna in strict justice excluded from consideration—is Budapest, which is fairly cut in two by the broad expanse of the river. Formerly two cities Buda on the right hand side struggles up a picturesque mountain, and here on a high terrace is the magnificent palace of the king of Hungary, with a wonderful outlook over the river, Pest on opposite side of the river, is the modern city and commercially important. Its location is upon a flat, so characteristic of the rich Danubian plains, says a writer in the Geographical Magazine.

The population of the combined cities is about three-fourths of a million, and here is the center of all Hungarian activities. Hungary as a nation having little real culture, no manufacturing to speak of, in short, naught but a pastoral existence, outside of its capital city. The rich fertility of the Danubian plains has always made agriculture the natural exertion of the people just as the plains themselves constitute the principal area of the Kingdom. But the life in Budapest is compensatory for the dullness that pervades the rest of Hungary. Budapest is Paris, Vienna and London in one, a combination of the gayeties of the capitals of the world, with a little distinctive Hungarian paprika spice thrown in.

The "Corso" along the Danube in Pest is the promenade whose group of open air cafes and restaurants forms the hub of the gay Magyar life. Throughout the city almost every other building houses a cafe, so important a part do these establishments play in the national life.

There the business man partakes of his early breakfast of coffee and rolls, there he adjourns from his office on numerous occasions in the day for important business conferences, which are best had according to the semi-oriental idea of the Hungarians over a cup of coffee. And after the family dinner, which is almost invariably partaken of in one of the restaurants which are scattered through the city and among the parks which surround it, the wife is again escorted to by the whole family as a last thing before retiring, which is often postponed till early morning. So thrilling is the gypsy music always to be heard in these public places and the other attractions of cafe life.