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For these Observations, as they are to follow, we are obliged to that great Traveller, Monsieur Jean Baptiste Tavernier, who, having made six Voyages into Turky, Persia, and the East-Indies, (five of which were by him performed by Land,) hath lately published the same in two Volumes in quarto at Paris. The first whereof, (to be only taken notice of in this Tract,) contains

1. The different Roads passable from Paris to Isphahan, through the Northern Countries of Turky.
2. The several Roads from the same City of Paris to Isphahan through the Southern Provinces of Turky, and through the Desert.
3. The Roads passable into Turky and Persia through the Northern Provinces of Europe; where occurs a particular Relation of divers Countries neighbouring to the Black and Caspian Seas.
4. A Description of Persia, its Inhabitants, Productions, Government, Customs, Arts, Manufactures and Commodities.

Some of the Observations themselves:

1. That Isphahan is about the bigness of Paris, but that Paris hath ten times more people than Isphahan.
2. That the Air of Gomron from the month of April to that of November is so unhealthy, that it breeds a very malign Fever.