

All these names mean *duties* which have to be paid for goods and wares, and other things, imported to or exported from, or passed through the countries and places detailed in this paragraph.

Mercato in Tuscan ; and *Piazza*¹ in several tongues ; *Bazarra* and *Raba* in Genoese ;² *Fondaco* in several languages ; *Foda* in Cyprus ; *Alla*³ in Flemish ; *Sugo* in Saracenesque ;⁴ *Fiera* in Tuscan and several other tongues ; *Panichiero* in Greek ;⁵

All signify the place where goods are sold in cities, and where in towns and villages all manner of victuals and necessaries for the life of man are brought for sale, with corn and cattle which are brought there continually at certain fixed times of the week, or month, or year.

These may suffice as specimens.

Then some doggrel verses to the following purport introduce the body of the work.

“Honesty is always best
 And to look before ye leap :
 Do ever what thou promisest ;
 And, hard though it may be, still keep
 Fair chastity. Let reason tell
 Cheap to buy and dear to sell,
 But have a civil tongue as well.
 Frequent the church's rites, and spare
 To Him who sends thy gains a share.
 So shalt thou prosper, standing by one price,
 And shunning pest-like usury and dice.
 Take aye good heed to govern well thy pen,
 And blunder not in black and white! AMEN!

applied to the stamp or certificate by which goods were declared to be free after payment of customs. I am not aware that the word is used in that sense now.” This suggestion is strengthened by the analogous use of *Fadá* in the preceding note, and by the fact that Pegolotti in a later passage calls it *Intalacca*, an export duty levied in the ports of Morocco. By *Spain* he means the Moorish ports on both sides of the strait, as his details show (pp. 278 seqq.).

¹ *Piazza* is commonly used for *mercato* in Palermo, where this note is written.

² I do not know what *Raba* is, unless (like *Bazarra*) borrowed from the Arabic *Raba*, “a quarter” (see under Rashiduddin, *supra*, p. 25).

³ The French *Halle*.

⁴ Arab. *Súq*.

⁵ This must be *πανηγύριον*, which has the meaning of a fair or market in Byzantine Greek (*Ducange*).