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It is now the wet season in the capital, and in lieu of the clouds of dust that prevail during the dry weather, a soft thick mud covers the streets formed into deep tramways by the wheels of the carts; the shop fronts are gorgeous with paint, and gilding, but all these houses have more

the appearance of temporary shanties than the settled abodes and stores, of a great city

The street here selected as a type of the rest is called Loo-mau-szu, and is in the Tartar city.