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ALMISSA

ALMISSA, famous in the history of piracy, lies a short distance from Spalato down the coast. You can get to it by road or by a little coasting steamer that plies down the Brazza channel in the afternoons, returning next morning. It is the better way. After leaving the harbour of Spalato the steamer soon opens the bay of Strobeč to the left. Strobeč is the site of one among several Greek settlements scattered along the Dalmatian coast; Epidaurus is now Ragusa Vecchia, and Epetium is now Strobeč. The place figures very large in the Peutinger Tables. At Strobeč the little river Žernovizza, which drains the Poljica, comes into the sea. The Poljica is the highland district between the massif of Mount Mossor and the Poljica range which runs between it and the sea, along whose rocky wall we shall presently pass on our way to Almissa. The wild cherry, or *gean*, that makes