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the first floor from a small garden flanked by two pavilion wings, a reminder of the long and peaceful rule of Venice in those parts. The coast roads from Castelnuovo, both east and west, form a veritable Riviera in the richness of their bordering The western road will take you by gardens. Topla, to the little village of Podi, with its church dedicated to Sergius and Bacchus, reminiscent, in name and style, of ancient Byzantium. The eastern road leads to Sàvina, with its lovely monastic buildings, where they keep the Assumption of the Virgin on the 15th of August with great ceremony and rejoicing. The church has a graceful campanile with a curious wheel-window on its shaft, and the bell-chamber is surmounted by a very charming hexagonal cupola. The presbytery has its square external dado crowned by an octagonal lantern which carries a fine iron cross of many balls on its extremities.

From Castelnuovo we get a view of Lovčen, the guardian frontier mountain of Montenegro, dominating the bay of Cattaro, and the zigzags of the great road that leads up to Njeguš, the first Montenegrine village, and then on to Cettinge, the capital. From the bay of Topla, on which Castelnuovo stands, we pass through the straits

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