

Three last chapters were taking place, very different one presented itself. In another house, situated in the valley between the Quirinal and Esquilin hills. It was that of Fabius, a man of the equestrian order, whose family, in farming the revenues of Asiatic provinces, had amassed immense wealth. His house was larger and more splendid. It contained a third large peristyle or court, surrounded by immense apartments; and besides possessing