The Pittsburgh Gazette.

NATURE AND ART IN EUROPE.

From Paris to Cologne—The Great Cathedral—Sacred Relics—The Rhine and its Legends—Art in Frankfort.

[This letter, which should have been received before that one published on the 4th inst., has been unfortunately delayed. We believe, however, that it will prove none the less interesting on that account. —EDS.]

FRANKFORT-ON-MAYNE.

I was glad to leave Paris on Thursday. It was a dark day, and in the dim gray of the early morning we drove through the streets for the last time. They were crowded with workmen in their blue blouses hurrying to their work, with milk carts and country wagons. Off we went over a flat, dull country till we got to Belgium. From Namur all through Belgium, until nightfall, the country was lovely—great grey cliffs, broken and column-like, often of a dark reddish brown, rich and warm, clustering ivy, green fields and russet woods—all very beautiful; and every now and then, peasants like leaves from a picture book; a long row of women, with short blue skirts, stout shoes and stockings and white headkerchiefs, with staff in hand and baskets strapped upon their backs. Everywhere, queer old fashioned children watching the cows. The peasants looked like a superior breed of chickens, busily engaged in scratching their living out of the earth.

We had for a traveling companion a polite old Frenchman, who gallantly presented me with a box of gum drops for my cough, lifted his hat to me like an Emperor, asked the price of my traveling bag, and of our dinner, brushed his hair and moustache before me calmly, asked the loan of my looking glass, expressed unbounded surprise at a lady's having none—spoke excellent English and greatly amused us until we reached Liege, when he left and we went on into Germany. There, at the frontier, a custom house officer entered the carriage and talked German to us to our great dismay. Seeing we did not understand, he said "n'avous nous rien a declarir?" Now all was well, and then poured in a volley of questions, in French, as to the custom house, change of cars, time of arrival, &c. He looked dismayed in his turn, and answered "nichts verstein." That one sentence had exhausted his whole stock of French. Very heartily he laughed and very foolish he looked, as on swept the cars, while we were laughing and our questions unanswered. However, we reached Cologne about seven o'clock, after dark. Only one trunk was opened at the custom house, and we were soon at our hotel, where almost every one spoke English. As we crossed the bridge, I caught sight of a mighty pile, great buttresses and pinnacles, and with an "Oh! there is the Cathedral," thrust my head out of the window, and gazed and gazed till I could see it no longer.

The *maitre d'hotel* met us at the door, a handsome fellow in a black velvet coat, with yellow whiskers floating behind him as he walked. Such a procession as we made, clattering through the halls, stone flagged and echoing. First went the *maitre d'hotel*, with his whiskers streaming behind him, then a short and chubby chamber maid with materials for a fire, then I came, then G. ——, then the head waiter with his wax candles, then a short porter with my big trunk, then another porter with the hand baggage, and still another with G.'s small trunk. We clattered up stair after stair. Finally we all filed into a pretty room overlooking the Rhine, and in a few moments were left alone, and could give vent to our laughter. From the window we could see the river with its long row of lights, and the large, dim bulk of the "Dom" overtopping the peaked roofs of the city. We were almost as much excited by the associations of the Rhine and Cologne as of London and it was long before I could quiet down to sleep.

Next morning we sallied out under the guidance of a valet de place. We crossed a bridge of boats through a motley crowd, milk women with little wagons drawn by dogs, peasant women with clean white kerchiefs tied under their chins. Then through the vegetable and flower markets, open squares, filled with huge baskets, filled with vegetables, and healthy looking country women seated in the midst. Soon we reached the Cathedral. It is all finished now but the two spires; both towers finished, the old crane four hundred years old gone, and in eight years these two magnificent spires, five hundred feet from base to summit, will tower over the city. All the stones are out and have but to be put in place.

From there we went to the queer old Church of St. Ursula and the 1,100 Virgins, rude and ugly enough, and a most curious charnel-house. All the sides are hollow and filled in with bones, with many gratings thro' which you can peep.

The 1,100 Virgins must have had as many legs as centipedes, for never in my life did I see so many leg-bones. The inner shrine is rich in gilt and gems, (tho' I suspect their purity) numberless shelves of skulls, each skull in a crimson gilt case, stiff with embroidery and seed-pearls; the work of the nuns of convents long since swept away; rows on rows of busts with real silver faces, each bust containing a skull. I was tempted to laugh, till I saw the reverence with which the old sacristan lifted one out, telling the name and tenderly replacing it. His evident belief and veneration made me sad enough. A casket of teeth, St. Ursula's silk hair net, some saint's finger withered and blackened, no longer moved one to laughter, but almost to tears. I am afraid the old Priest would have, indeed, been shocked could he have known how much more minutely I examined the exquisite caskets of carved ivory, bound with silver, than the relics they contained. One of the relics was a stone urn that contained some of the water our Saviour turned to wine at Cana; it had been in that shrine five hundred years!

We took the cars at noon for Frankfort, and, in half an hour, on the left hand rose a ruined castle, crowning a high peaked hill. On the right hand flowed a blue river, with many glorious mountains on the other bank. "Can this be the Rhine?" I inquired of a sweet-looking woman, who sat near me, reading an English book. "Yes, and there are the seven mountains, and just off there is Roland's Tower, and there is the island where his lady took the veil; only the window from which he watched the Convent is left." It was indeed true; we had not looked at our map, and so by chance had stumbled upon this route, which lay all day long by the bank of the Rhine, as the Albany Road does by the Hudson. We were in one trance of delight all day long. The day was grey and dark, but never have I seen anything so lovely as those hills. And then those wondrous old castles—one exquisite picture after another all day long! one magic name after another! Ehrenbreitstein (the broad stone of honor,) Bishop Hatton's Tower, where the rats beseiged and ate him! the Lorelir Rock, Bingen, all the haunted places we had dreamed of so often. Here and there are Roman towns and walls, nearly or quite 2,000 years old. How strange and wonderful they were!

Next morning we drove to the picture gallery, where we spent along time with great delight, seeing some old pictures, and two by Lessing; which were splendid. One, John Huss before the Ecclesiastical Council, was wonderful in drawing, color and expression. Three superb landscapes, a grand picture by Schaddows, of the wise and foolish virgins, and many small gems by Rubens, Rembrant, Meinis and other old Dutch painters. From there we drove to see the famous Ariadne, by Danncke, a beautiful female figure riding a lioness. Then to the Hotel de Ville, a very old building where the German Emperors used to be elected, and all around it are full length portraits of all the Emperors from Charlemagne to the last Leopold II, only two after Joseph II of Austria.

To-morrow we begin our travels again.

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GROUND RENTS.—By a recent act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, approved February 26th, 1869, where no demand has been made for the payment of a ground rent or other charge upon land for twenty-one years, and no acknowledgment of the existence thereof has been made within that period by the tenant, a release or extinguishment of the claim shall be presumed, and the Court of Common Pleas, under proper proceedings and proof, may decree such extinguishment. The law also applies to parts of ground rents apportioned either by deed or by implication from the acts of the parties.

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THE COURTS

District Court—Judge Hampton.

THURSDAY, March 11.—Alex. Miller & Co. vs. the Hays Coal Company. Action on a contract. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

No. 5. Owner steam tug "Franklin" vs. Frazier & Kennedy.
No. 31. Pool vs. Barton.
No. 34. Mercer vs. Barclay.
No. 38. Gillespie, for use, vs. Stewart et al.
No. 39. Same vs. Same.
No. 41. Zirche vs. Cohmler.
No. 42. Peters & Rutherford vs. Bannerstine & Co.
No. 43. South vs. Johnson.

Common Pleas—Judge Sterrett.

THURSDAY, March 11.—In the case of Coleman vs. Fisher, Cochran & Co., reported yesterday, a verdict was given for defendants.

Kearney vs. Kearney. Action to recover money loaned. Jury out.

Lilley vs. Tilden & Elkin. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be opened as to the individual property of J. S. Tilden. Reasons filed.

Sarah E. Meyers vs. James Meyers. Petition in divorce. Subpœna awarded.

Seiler's administratrix, vs. Geo. Huttlemier. Action to recover for tan-bark sold and delivered. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $139.50.

Carson vs. Taylor. Action on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff in the sum of $307.12.

TRIAL LIST FOR FRIDAY.

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No. 2. England vs. Paulson.
No. 3. Genkingen vs. Seeley.
No. 4. Altonbaugh vs. Maisel.
No. 5. Hageman & Snyder vs. Pittsburgh.
No. 6. McNulty vs. Davis.
No. 7. McCready vs. Pa. R. R. Co.
No. 8. Sneathen vs. Baty.
No. 9. Knox vs. Duncan et al.
No. 10. Vance vs. O'Neal.
No. 11. Hines vs. Hastings.
No. 12. Same vs. Same.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Stowe.

THURSDAY, March 11.—The case of the Commonwealth vs. James Sims, George Hall prosecutor, reported yesterday, was resumed. A number of witnesses were examined on the part of the defense, at the conclusion of which the case was argued by Messrs. Moreland and Moore for the defendant and Mr. Linn for the Commonwealth. The jury, after receiving the charge of the Court, retired at two o'clock, and in half an hour returned a verdict of "not guilty of the felony, but guilty of a misdemeanor in unlawfully shooting and wounding the prosecutor, George I. Hall."

The next case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. George I. Hall; indictment, aggravated assault and battery, James Sims prosecutor. This case required a change at the counsel table, as the prosecutor in the former case became the defendant in this and the defense became the prosecutor. The case had its origin in the same difficulty out of which the former case grew, the defendant, George Hall, it was alleged, having, during the affair, bitten the prosecutor on the lip, inflicting a serious injury. Messrs. Moreland and Moore appeared for the prosecution, and Messrs. McCarthy and Lynn for the defense. Mr. Moreland addressed the jury very briefly in opening the case, after which Sims, the prosecutor, was sworn. On trial.

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