

**SAXON SWITZERLAND.**

One of the Most Picturesque Districts in the World.

Visitors from America Pronounce It a Veritable Paradise, Superior in Some Respects to the Yosemite Valley.

[Special Berlin Letter]

Among the picturesque districts until recently neglected by the American tourists in Europe is that region known generally as Saxon Switzerland. This neglect, however, is now being made up for, as the number of Americans visiting that lovely region is steadily on the increase. I noticed, among the passengers on a river boat going up the Elbe, several charming American bridal parties, and on the summit of one of the finest peaks I stumbled into a group of Americans who hailed from every part of the United States, but who were here, focussed together, as it were, in this tiny paradise.

For Saxon Switzerland is a veritable paradise. It has not the grand air of the real Switzerland, and it lacks glaciers and cloud-piercing monsters of mountains. But of its kind it is more attractive. There is a mixture of idyllic peace and peculiar picturesqueness in the landscape that is extremely charming. The people there are not yet so greedy after the dollars of the tourists; in fact, they are for the most part quite naive and hospitable, and their brook trout and fresh fruit and the products of their mountain industries are as yet

layer, with needle-like peaks jutting forth in the most unexpected places, often dotted with tall and magnificent trees, often, too, bare and showing the loveliest kaleidoscopic changes, as the light, the sun, the clouds, the weather act upon them.

A sunrise and a sunset, for instance, with the roseate or deeper tints of the orb thrown on the two walls of steep rocks hemming in both shores of the silvery river, are among the finest sights that human eye can behold anywhere, and then again, the view, panoramic and extensive, to be enjoyed from many of these mountain tops, is unique. From the Bastei rock, for instance, near the town of Schandau (although but about 700 feet over the river) one sees, when the weather is clear, the pillars and spires of Dresden (25 miles distant) on the one side, and the mountain tops of Bohemia (about the same distance or farther on the other). Below, scores of little villages, hills and dales, wooded slopes and rocky formations, with the river separating the whole picture, spread out, checker-board fashion. The whole district, so far as it is worth seeing and visiting, measures but a few hundred square miles, it is true, but within that small territory the tourist, to his amazement, notices more variety in landscape, in type of population, etc., than he would elsewhere in territory 20 times that size.

Beyond the Saxon borders, on Bohemian soil, there are two of the loveliest sights of all, viz.: Prebischthor, and the Edmund's Klamm. The latter is a chasm opening into the steep and perpendicular rock for the length of ten miles or so, the bottom being formed by



ROCK FORMATION IN SAXON SWITZERLAND.

all to be had at a very reasonable rate. In fact, for a holiday of a fortnight or so I know of no more propitious spot on earth than this same Saxon Switzerland, and as such it is recognized by the shrewd Germans, the Berliners especially, who undertake frequently and at small expense brief trips there.

The best way to do this is to take the fast train from Berlin to Dresden, stop there over night, and then take one of the pretty Elbe boats the next morning and make the circuit through the whole region by easy stages, going by boat up the river a few hours, then disembark again, and make a dive down one of the marvelously pretty side valleys, of which glimpses were caught in nearing it on the water; then making a roundabout way through the rocky formations again, and reach another steamboat station higher up, whence to pass on for another spell. Hotels, some luxurious, others rather primitive, but all clean, wholesome and providing good fare, are to be met with every-



IN EDMUND'S KLAMM.

where, and pleasant traveling companions are sure to be encountered almost at any stage of the journey. The whole trip, taking in every point of interest, far into the German-speaking part of Bohemia, and lasting, say a fortnight, reckoning from the time of leaving Berlin, with fare and hotel expenses may be made for about \$25; that on the fat of the land, too, on living sum.

Saxon Switzerland owes its peculiar charm to several circumstances. It is a region of mountains, tall, perpendicular rocks and boulders (some rising straight from the banks of the Elbe to an altitude of 1,000 feet and over, and the summits of the mountains 2,000 to 3,000 feet even) through which the lovely Elbe river winds its way. The rock formations, with their odd shapes, owe their origin to a remote volcanic past, and being all of sandstone, the rock is piled on, so to speak, layer on

a pellucid mountain river. Row boats ascend this river to the very heart of this slit into the rocks, and the scenery changes frequently during the trip. Now one passes rocks down which the mountain brooklets trickle with melodious splash, and then again both banks are lined with pine trees, verdure, bushes from which hundreds of singing birds pour their songs, for though men are in close proximity they cannot harm these birds, and the birds know it and are jolly in proportion. There are several rapids, but it is easy to avoid them—at least it is so for the experienced boatmen of the neighborhood. To right and left of this long cleft in the rocks valleys extend, and in these there are picturesque mills and little chalets.

The Prebischthor, again, is a tremendous rock formation—some 1,200 feet high and standing in the very midst of a magnificent wilderness of tall trees and boulders. The valley from which it rises skyward looks as if giants had played marbles with immense boulders and had left the game unfinished; everything is topsy-turvy. But out of it two enormous pillars of gray, withered sandstone stick up straight into the air—1,200 feet high, and on the top these two pillars have another huge slab of rock lying right across them, thus forming a natural gate. On the slab of a rock stand a big terrace, a restaurant and numerous other signs of human civilization, including iron railings, from which the different phases of the outlook can be enjoyed in safety, and galleries have been hewn into the rock itself, facilitating the ascent and making it even possible for donkeys and horses to climb up to the height.

Persons who have ever seen the Yosemite valley, in California, will be struck with numerous points of resemblance between that lovely region and this. This is especially the case as to the peculiar shapes of the rocks and promontories. Here in Saxon and Bohemian Switzerland, too, all sorts of extraordinary forms are noticed—faces of human outline, for instance, are quite frequently met with, with noses and mouths hundreds of feet in extent, and a tall pine or oak for eyebrows. But while these and similar points are of striking resemblance to the Californian landscape mentioned, this one of little Saxon Switzerland is much more idyllic, picturesque and peaceful, and the vegetation, too, is more plentiful and varied. Lovely flowers, not met with elsewhere, are found in the numerous side valleys, and bird life is plentiful and very variegated.

WOLF VON SCHIERBRAND.

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The Butler—Hand heavy night at the hour of midnight the ghost appears and groans and wrings its hands. American Tourist—Ah! Must have died in the cucumber season.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**RHEUMATISM AND KIDNEY TROUBLE.**

The Result of Sleeping Without Shelter and Drinking Alkali Water.

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**Encouraging Statistics.** The Baltimore and Ohio officials are very much pleased with certain statistics that have recently been prepared of the performance of freight trains on the Second division, which handles all the east and west-bound traffic between Baltimore and Cumberland. Before the new freight engines were purchased, and the improvements made in the track in the way of straightening curves and reducing grades, the average number of cars to the train was 28 1/2. Now, with more powerful and modern motive power and a better track, the average is 40 cars per train, an increase of 41 per cent. The average east-bound movement per day for the first ten days of August was 1,125 loaded cars. On the Third division, Cumberland to Granton, where there are grades of 125 feet to the mile, the engines used to haul 19 1/2 loads to the train. Now the average is 25 2/3 loads per train, an increase of 31 per cent. It would certainly appear that the money spent in improvements on the B. and O. is being amply justified, and that the cost of operation is being very materially reduced.

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No. 2 hard	83 @ 85
CORN—No. 2 mixed	25 @ 25
OATS—No. 2 mixed	18 @ 19
RYE—No. 2	50 @ 50 1/2
FLOUR—Patent, per barrel	4 50 @ 4 70
Fancy	4 20 @ 4 30
HAY—Choice timothy	7 00 @ 7 50
Fancy prairie	5 00 @ 5 25
BRAN (sacked)	45 @ 45
BUTTER—Choice creamery	14 50 @ 15 1/2
CHEESE—Full cream	8 @ 8 1/2
EGGS—Choice	10 1/2 @ 11
POTATOES	35 @ 50
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Native and shipping	4 00 @ 4 80
Texas	3 25 @ 4 10
HOGS—Heavy	3 30 @ 4 45
SHEEP—Fair to choice	2 25 @ 3 70
FLOUR—Choice	3 90 @ 4 10
WHEAT—No. 2 red	91 1/2 @ 92 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed	27 1/2 @ 27 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	19 1/2 @ 19 1/2
RYE—No. 2	49 @ 50
BUTTER—Creamery	15 @ 15 1/2
LARD—Western mess	4 60 @ 4 65
PORK	8 65 @ 9 50
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Common to prime	3 90 @ 5 50
HOGS—Packing and shipping	3 50 @ 4 55
SHEEP—Fair to choice	3 25 @ 3 75
FLOUR—Winter wheat	4 40 @ 4 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red	92 @ 92 1/2
CORN—No. 2	29 @ 29 1/2
OATS—No. 2	19 1/2 @ 20
RYE	49 1/2 @ 50
BUTTER—Creamery	13 @ 13 1/2
LARD	4 65 @ 4 77 1/2
PORK	8 80 @ 8 90
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Native steers	4 40 @ 5 17 1/2
HOGS—Good to choice	4 60 @ 5 20
WHEAT—No. 2 red	99 @ 99 1/2
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