

that of the Rhine. The Thuringerwald and the Hartz continue to limit the basin of the Elbe, by separating it from that of the Weser.

These different chains have but slight intervals between them. The caves of Westphalia alone are not connected in so evident a manner with the others.

Very lately, bones have been discovered in a cavern, which extends more towards the south, and is even situate on the other or Italian side of the Alps. It is that of *Adelsberg* in *Carniola*, a place situate on the great road from *Laybach* to *Trieste*, and about half way between these two cities. The whole of this country is full of caverns and grottoes, which have given rise to numerous sinkings of the surface, thus giving a very singular appearance to the country. Several of these caverns have long been celebrated among naturalists. That of *Adelsberg* is generally visited by travellers, on account of its being near the highway, and because a river called the *Piuka* or *Poike* is lost there, forming a subterranean lake, and emerging again on the north side, under the name of *Unz*. A hole which the Chevalier de *Lowengreif* discovered in 1816, in one of its walls, at the height of 14 fathoms, conducted him to a series of new caves of vast extent, and of incomparable beauty, from the lustre and variety of their stalactites.

A part of these caves was, however, known, and must be, or have been accessible, by some other place, for inscriptions were found in them with dates, from 1393 to 1676, together with human bones, and entire carcasses, that had been buried there. A German pamphlet was