

who finds excellent fishing in the clear, rapidly-winding stream of the Wiesent, with its tributary waters, all of which are romantically placed in the suddenly deep dales of this table-land. The Wiesent flows through Forchheim into the Regnitz, westward, and this into the Maine, north.

“As to the time necessary to get there, during the summer days, it would only require one, to pass through Belgium to Aix, including the transit of this frontier into Prussia, with slight search of baggage. Then, in between four and five hours to Cologne, where the steamers generally wait for the arrival of these trains; and, taking the first boat up, it is possible to reach Bingen (if not Mayence late) the same evening. From Frankfort, by diligence, starting at 11 A.M., and travelling all night, Nuremberg may be reached on the second day; and the centre of operations, about Muggendorf, on the fifth from quitting the sea-coast. In returning by the Maine,—from Wurzburg to Mayence may be performed in one long day,—and then on the Rhine, the descent being much quicker than the upward course against the streams, the return homewards may be accomplished in one day less.

“The nearest way to Ostend is by the South-Eastern Railroad to Dover, and embark for Belgium.

“The newly-discovered cave, called *Sophienhöhle*, lies on the right bank of a streamlet, which gives its name to a romantic and rocky valley, *Ahorn-thall*, and flows S.W. toward Gösweinstein, till it falls into the Wiesent. The situation of the cave is near *Klaustenerhöhle*, and opposite to *Ludwigshöhle*; and is far easier of access than *Gailenreuth*, and may be inspected by ladies with the greatest facility. An intelligent female showed us through its lofty and interesting details. This cave is nearly 300 feet wide, and 150 feet in height. The quantity of fossil bones strewed about the floor was very great, notwithstanding many of the finest specimens had been removed, and were to be seen in the neighbouring castle of Count S——; added to this, the long, pendant curtains of stalactite, and the stupendous size of the cavern,