

Introduction.

A clever and intelligent writer says in
Harper's New Monthly Magazine:

"If I had to make some one of the German capitals my permanent residence, I should select Dresden. Truly a literary and an art centre, it has been for many years the resort and residence of students, savants, and scholars. By no means commercially or industrially active, and free from the anxiety and fever and push so inseparable from our own country, it appeals to the few Americans not possessed by the demon of doing something as the proper place for recreation and repose. The Dresdener are remarkably intelligent and polite, and their taste in regard to the fine arts is much above the average of what I have found in most German towns. The common people have an understanding of books and pictures and music that the stranger quickly perceives, and they bear about them a liberal cheerfulness, which begets amability and sympathy in return. The German language is spoken there with much purity, though, so far as I have been able to judge, none but Saxons will admit it. Sight-seers find active employment in Dresden for a fortnight and those anxious to look beyond surfaces may