

The **Plauensche Grund** (valley of Plauen) is a very picturesque place about 5 miles from Dresden; and a drive thither will gratify any person fond of rocky scenery. Plauen is a village which may be reached by train in 15 minutes, and by tramway in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. The valley or rather glen beginning immediately behind the village stretches as far as Tharandt, a small town, about 6 miles from Plauen. The Weisseritz, a busy little stream turning the wheels of several mills, flows through it and gives a lively air to the valley which is bound on both sides by rocky walls or slopes overgrown with underwood.

Close by the entrance of the valley lies the "Felsenkeller", a brewery on a large scale and restaurant, much frequented in summer on Sundays, when a band generally is playing. The extensive cellerage where the beer is stored, is hewn in the rock and is well worth seeing. Behind the Felsenkeller a path leads through bushes up to the summit of the hill from where, especially from the tower erected on the highest eminence, the "Hohestein", an enchanting prospect may be enjoyed of Dresden and the valley. Leaving the Felsenkeller and pursuing the carriage road the tourist will in 15 minutes see on his right a castle-like building towering on a rocky wall. It is the "Begerburg", a modern structure in the Gothic style, and in spite of its threatening appearance nothing more than a house of entertainment where wanderers from Dresden peacefully sip