

Pirna, a cheerful town pleasantly situated on the Elbe, and having about 9000 inhabitants. It is noted for its quarries of sandstone which is so well adapted for building, that it is not only used in Saxony, but also sent to other countries. A little above the town stands the castle of **Sonnenstein**, on an elevated rock. It was originally a fortress, but is now converted into a Lunatic Asylum. The beautiful promenades about Sonnenstein and the pleasant hill-top above Copitz, are deserving of attention.

Continuing his way by rail the traveller will reach the fortress of Königstein in  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. This is perhaps the most remarkable object in this part of the country. It lies on a high plateau of about 2 miles in circumference, has fields, and gardens yielding support for a garrison seven hundred strong, and is supplied with water by a well nearly 700 feet deep. The fortress is one of the few that have never been taken; it is regarded as impregnable, less from its vertical escarpments, than from its isolated position, and from the inability to command it from any other height. Napoleon I. endeavoured in vain to batter it from **Lilienstein**, that very conspicuous eminence on the opposite bank of the river. This isolated, rock rises boldly, almost perpendicularly 1300 feet high from a sloping base covered with wood and thick undergrowth. Though narrow paths are cut in the rock, and scaling-ladders fixed where the wall is perpendicular, yet the climber needs to be agile and vigorous