

to reach the summit. Augustus III. was so proud of having made the ascent that he set up an obelisk to commemorate the exploit. The access to Königstein as a fortress is, of course, artificial, partly by a wooden bridge, which when removed leaves the citadel quite detached and inaccessible. The guide will draw the visitor's attention to several interesting objects, such as the walls, the enormous casemates, the prisons, the inexhaustible well, the "Friedrichsburg", in which once a huge wine-cask was kept, said to have held 600 kilderkins more than that at Heidelberg; the "Page's bed", a ledge projecting over the precipice which has its name from the circumstance of a page of Elector John George having in a state of intoxication made it his sleeping place. In time of war and disturbance the treasures of the Saxon monarch, including the art-treasures of the galleries and museums, are generally deposited in the fortress to be out of harm's way. Visitors will obtain admission to the fortress and be conducted about on paying 1 Thlr. 10 Ngr. (for 1 to 10 persons) to the guard of the gate.

Briesnitz and Schoner Grund. This is a pleasant half day's excursion for pedestrians. Travellers should go by the Meissen steamer, starting from the Hotel Bellevue, to Briesnitz, a large village, with a very old church, from the 9th century; then follow on foot the road through the village, past the Chemnitz mill and Mobschatz to Merbitz, a point which affords a fine view of