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The treasury of the Saxon Royal family known by the name of the „Grüne Gewölbe“ or Green Vaults contains perhaps the most renowned collection of precious things on the continent of Europe and can be compared for this reason only with the treasury of Vienna. It occupies eight rooms of the western wing of the royal palace of Dresden and comprises not only the jewels and the silver vessels of the royal family, but also a great many specimens of the finest works of art from the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> to the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.