



EIGHTH ROOM.

JEWEL - ROOM.

This room contains the most costly objects of the collection and forms the proper treasury of the Royal Saxon family. The decoration of the interior is the most splendid in comparison with the other rooms, except the corner-closet, and the effect of this mirror-room painted in red and gold is very fairy and astonishing.

We begin on the lefthand side with the crown-jewels. Under this head are included six (or eight) different sets of precious stones of the first class, which for size and brillancy of water are not to be surpassed in Europe. This magnificent collection of jewels was commenced by the first Electors of Saxony, principally by the Elector Augustus, and augmented