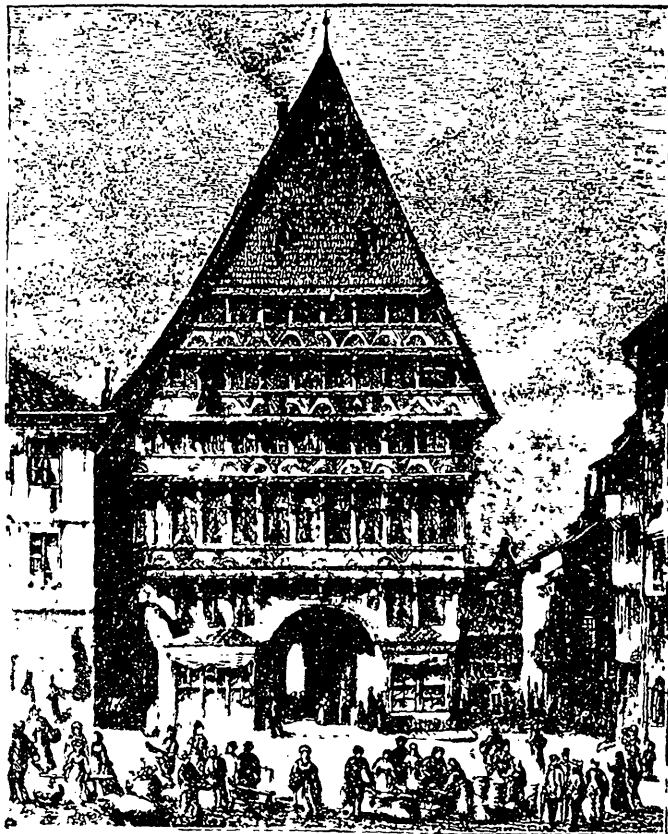


The town of Lübeck may be reached direct from Hamburg, and is well worth a visit, preserving as it does, far more than its great rival city, the characteristic memorials of its former greatness. Here may be seen, as in the days when Lübeck stood chief among the eighty cities of the Hanseatic League, the old gabled houses, the quaint churches with their wonderful carvings, and the imposing remnants of the fortifications. Among these the



THE OLD GATE-HOUSE, HILDESHEIM.

finest is the Holstein Gate, recently restored, with its conically roofed round towers, built of variegated brick, chiefly red and black, like most of the edifices in this vast sandy plain.

At the quaint old city of Hildesheim another of those imposing town gate-houses may be seen—with four stories in the roof and highly decorated with elaborate carving—an interesting relic of the Middle Ages. See cut on this page.