

**El Quartel de San Carlos** (elkwar'-tel dă san-car'-loce), the name of a barracks, a place and buildings in which soldiers live, when in garrison.

**Ebullition** (eb-ul-lish'-un), the operation of boiling.

**Guayra** (gwi'-ra), a river near Caraccas.

**Humboldt, Alexander Von**, was a great writer and traveller.

In Europe he visited nearly every country ; in America he travelled for five years : and in Asia (land of the dawn) he went as far as the Chinese frontier. A man of extraordinary capacities and abilities, he was born at Berlin, in Germany, Sept., 1769, the year in which were born Napoleon the Great, Wellington (Iron Duke), Marshal Ney (nă). Goethe (gö'-teh), &c., &c. Died at Berlin eighteen years ago. The writer of this lesson extended our knowledge of Geography, (ge the earth, and grapho I write), of

Bot'any (*botane*; an herb), of Climatology (klima. climate, and logos a discourse), of History, and of Chemistry. "His personal habits were peculiar : he slept but four hours a day, rose at 6 in the winter, and 5 in the summer, studied two hours, drank a cup of coffee, and returned to his study to answer letters, of which he received hundreds every day ; from 11 a.m., (Ante Meridian), before noon, to 2 p.m., (Post Meridian), after noon, he received visits, and then returned to study till dinner hour. In the latter years of his life, from 4 till 11 he passed at the table, frequently in company with the King of Prussia, but sometimes at the meeting of learned societies, or in the company of friends ; at 11 he retired to his study, and some of his best books are said to have been written at midnight."

**Holy Thursday**.—The day on which the Ascension of our Savior is commemorated, ten days before Whitsuntide, which is the seventh Sunday after Easter ; also the day before Good-Friday, which is the one mentioned in the text.

**Lisbon** (liz'-hon), capital of Portugal, on the right bank of