

- Mayence** (German, Mainz), a fortified town of W. Germany, cap. prov. Rhenish Hessen on left bank of the Rhine; lat. 50.0 N., long. 8.13 E.; taken in 1797 by the French; it was ceded to the Grand Duchy of Hesse in 1815.
- Meaux**, a town of France on the river Marne, dep. Seine-et-Marne; 25 m. E.N.E. Paris.
- Mein** (le), in German Main, a German river which joins the right bank of the Rhine, opposite Mayence (Mainz).
- Mercier**, surnamed "La Vendée," a Royalist chief; fought in the Vendée war at the head of the Chouans (see Cottareau); died in 1800.
- Meuse** (Dutch Maas, ancient Mosa), a river which rises in France at the village of Meuse, dep. Haute-Marne; in the dep. Vosges it disappears underground for a distance of 4 m., it passes Sedan, Namur, Liège, Maestricht, &c., and enters the North Sea by three principal mouths.
- Miranda** (Don Francisco), born in Venezuela, South America; had at heart the emancipation of the Spanish American Colonies; came to France; served as General under Dumouriez; took refuge in England in 1793; went back to Venezuela and tried to rouse the inhabitants; died in the dungeons of the Inquisition at Cadiz, 1816.
- Monck**, or more correctly **Monk** (George), Duke of Albemarle; a distinguished military commander, and the great promoter of the restoration of Charles II.; died in 1670.
- Montabauer** or **Montabaur**, a town of W. Prussia, prov. Nassau, Government of Wiesbaden, 8 m. N. Nassau.
- Morbihan**, a maritime dep. in the W. of France, part of old prov. Brittany.
- Moreau** (Jean Victor), a celebrated French General; fought in Holland; made the memorable retreat of 1796; helped Bonaparte on the "18 brumaire an VIII.;" commanded the armies of the Danube and of the Rhine; was implicated in the Royalist plot of Pichegru and G. Cadoudal, and exiled; took arms against France with the Allies, and was killed at the battle of Dresden in 1813.
- Mortagne-sur-Sèvre**, a town, dep. Vendée, prov. Poitou.
- Moselle**, a river which rises in the dep. Vosges, France; passes Metz, Trèves, and Coblenz in Rhenish Prussia, where it joins the Rhine on the left.
- Nantes**, a town in France, cap. dep. Loire-Inférieure, prov. Brittany; resisted the army of the Vendéens (Royalists) in 1793.
- Naples** (in Italian Napoli), a city of South Italy; the French General Championnet took it in 1799; Joseph Bonaparte and Murat were made Kings of Naples; the latter was driven from it by the Austrians in 1814.
- Nerwinde** or **Neerwinden**, a village in Belgium, prov. Liège; memorable by the victory of the Allies, under the Prince of Coburg, over Dumouriez, March 18, 1793.
- Neuwied**, a town in Rhenish Prussia, 8 m. N.N.W. Coblenz.