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BOTZEN TO INNSBRÜCK.



THE FIRE TOWER, INNSBRUCK.

On a blithe summer morning we take train at Botzen—described in our last number—for the ride over the Brenner Pass to Innsbruck. Some of us get possession of an observation car with glass sides, giving fine views of the striking scenery. The road traverses first a seemingly boundless garden of vines, fig and other fruit trees. Soon it enters a wild gorge, known as the Devil's Way, the *Via Mala* of southern Tyrol. Red porphyry cliffs rise on either side, crowned by grim castles, now chiefly ruins. One of these, the Trostburg, a tremendous overhanging pile of cliff-like walls and towers, is shewn in our cut, and near Clausen is a vast benedic-

tine nunnery on a crag 800 feet above the narrow valley. It has been successfully a Rhetian fortress, a Roman castle, an episcopal residence, and a baronial hall. A crucifix on a tower marks where a nun, pursued by the French soldiers, in 1809, flung herself over the cliff and was killed.