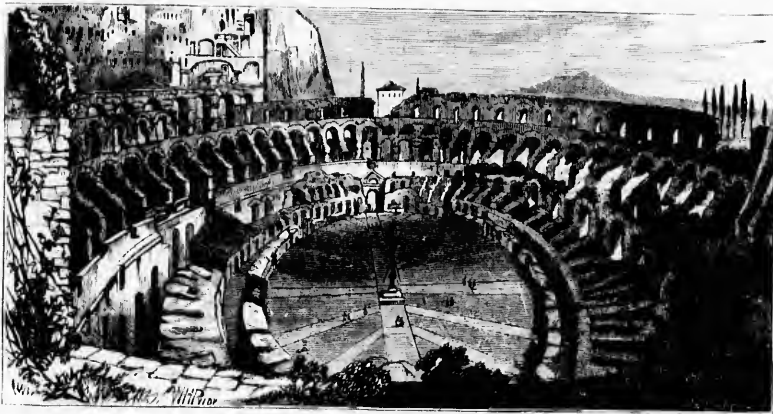




598. INTERIOR VIEW OF THE COLISEUM AT ROME.

Florence, Genoa, Milan, Leghorn, and Turin are noted cities.



600. THE BRIDGE OF SIGHS, VENICE.

601. The Islands of Sicily and Sardinia form a part of the kingdom of Italy. Mount Etna, in Sicily, is one of the most famous volcanoes in the world.

GREECE.

602 Greece is a small country, consisting of a peninsula south of Turkey, and a number of small islands on the coast.

603. In ancient times Greece was inhabited by the most learned and powerful people in the world. It produced great poets, historians, orators, artists, philosophers, and warriors. The country has lost all this greatness, and is now interesting chiefly for the remains of ancient buildings and statues, and for places where great events occurred. An English poet has said:

"'Tis Greece, but living Greece no more."

With all the wisdom of the ancient Greeks, they were ignorant of the true God, but believed in many false gods.

604. Greece is a land of mountains, hills, and valleys. The climate and products are like those of Italy. Raw silk, honey, currants, and other fruits, olive oil, and sponges are the chief exports.

605. The Greeks are generally farmers, merchants, or sailors. They are said to be very shrewd, and not very honest.