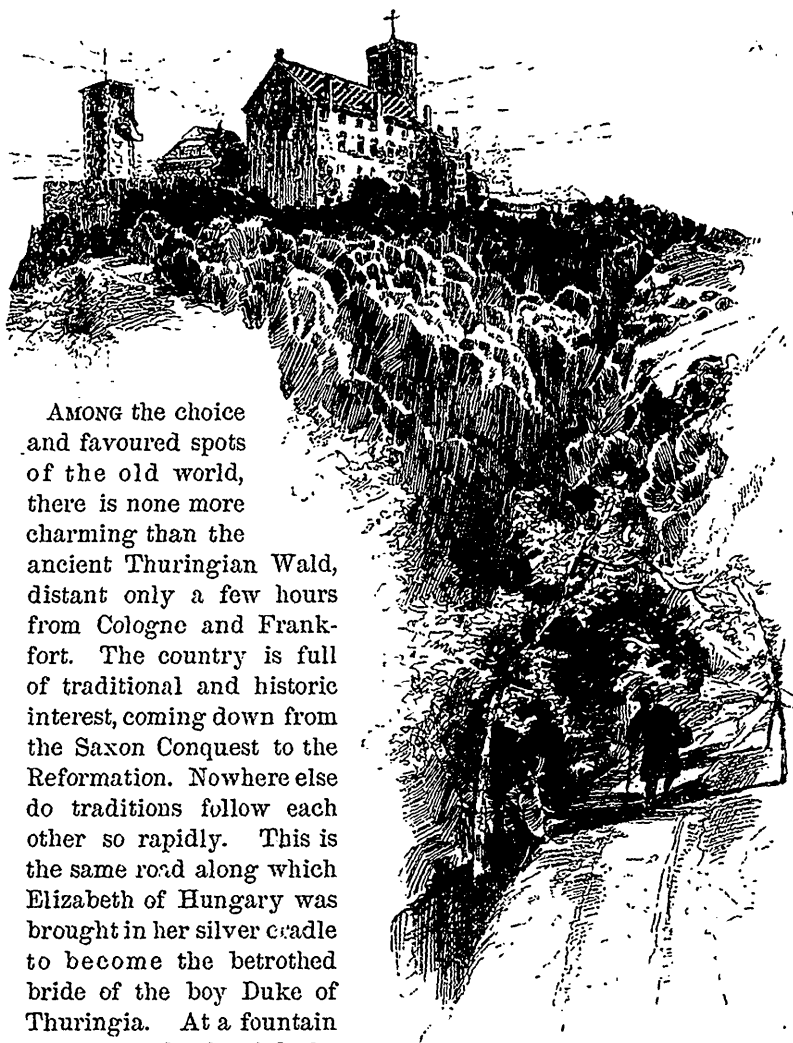


LUTHER'S COUNTRY—CHOICE BITS OF THURINGIA.

BY E. C. WALTON.



THE WARTBURG.

AMONG the choice and favoured spots of the old world, there is none more charming than the ancient Thuringian Wald, distant only a few hours from Cologne and Frankfurt. The country is full of traditional and historic interest, coming down from the Saxon Conquest to the Reformation. Nowhere else do traditions follow each other so rapidly. This is the same road along which Elizabeth of Hungary was brought in her silver cradle to become the betrothed bride of the boy Duke of Thuringia. At a fountain in the woods she fed the poor; at a bridge near by

the bread was changed to flowers, and the time was when crosses and shrines commemorated other marvellous events; but after Martin Luther went down the same road, carrying with him the