

existed ; but it must be recorded, that all these implements which would now have been great curiosities, are lost, and none of the machinery remains but the press, which weighing about half a ton, was rather too large to be readily appropriated, or perhaps it would have followed the rest.

The floors over the coining-house—bearing the letters, C. R. II., surmounting a crown, and the legend, GOD SAVE THE KING, 1674, originally the mansion of the master—was latterly occupied by the eminent Dr. Cullen, whose family were all born here, and who died here himself in 1792.

RECENT COINAGE OF AUSTRIA & GERMANY.

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A U S T R I A .

IN other nations of Europe the coinage of this empire has been, during the last few years, in a state of transition, we might almost say of confusion. There are three series of gold coins of different basis, and as many of silver, without respect to the differences of device and inscription, growing out of the severance of Hungary from Austria proper.

They still coin the gold ducat, and the quadruple ducat ; but they have recently discontinued the souverain, and introduced the four-florin or ten-franc piece, corresponding to the same coin issued in France and some other countries.

The fourfold ducat (*vierfache ducaten*), or quadruple, is a beautiful and remarkable coin, and I wish to notice it particularly, because it fulfills certain conditions which have been heretofore spoken of, by which coins can be protected from the most dangerous kind of tampering or fraud. It has a larger diameter than our double eagle, and is of finer metal, and yet has less than half the value of that coin. Of course it is proportionally thin. But this tenuity entirely