

Bohemia and King of Hungary,' suggests the trouble into which recent parliamentary and popular disputes have plunged him, and into which his death may fatally plunge the empire. The history of south-eastern Europe is red with the records of its warlike past. Hungary has been emptied of its successive populations several times, and has received entirely new conquering possessors. The mountains of that weird region have kept the skies alight at night with the beacon fires of continual war, and its valleys have been made the more fertile by floods of human blood.

days can be softened or quenched in only three decades. The position of the Emperor is very difficult. The composite empire fairly reeks with competing jealousies and mutual hates. The Imperial Parliament is composed of Austrian and Hungarian members. Each of the two kingdoms is divided into provinces, every one of which has its diet, or 'landtag,' to regulate local affairs. Each kingdom has its cabinet ministry also, which makes a vast sum of



HUNGARIAN FARMSTEAD.

"The fierce love of liberty which has produced such heroes as Kossuth has its exceedingly noble elements. The Hungarian struggle cost Austria much blood and treasure. Though the revolt did not accomplish all it set out to do, one valuable result was a constitution which greatly enlarged the franchises of Hungarians. Francis Joseph became Emperor of Austria in 1848, but he did not add his title of King of Hungary until 1867, thirty years ago. It is not to be supposed that enmities which made their records of bloody turbulence during those comparatively recent

rivalry possible. Austria proper has 24,000,000 people and Hungary has 18,000,000. Austria has 8,500,000 and Hungary over 2,000,000 Germans. Besides these, the dual empire contains 6,000,000 Bohemians, Moravians and Slovaks, 4,000,000 Poles, 3,500,000 Ruthenians, over 5,000,000 Servians and Croatians, nearly 3,000,000 Roumanians and over 8,000,000 Magyars. It will be remembered how the Kossuth revolt revealed the savage courage and determination of the Magyars, and other revolts have shown that their fellow-citizens of the empire