BELGIUM.—THE RABOT GATE, GHENT. (La Porte du Rabot).

Ghent is built upon 26 islands which are joined together by 80 bridges. During the 15th and 16th centuries, Ghent was considered the most important town in Flanders. Here was born John of Gaunt (or Ghent), the son of Edward III. and Philippa of Hainault, the "time honoured Lancaster," of Shakespeare, and father of King Henry IV. The Counts of Flanders were inaugurated at Ghent, and there, in 1467, Charles the Bold, the last Duke of Burgundy, was crowned. The city is today quite a manufacturing centre. Spinning, weaving and the construction of machinery being the principal industries.

BELGIUM.—THE PALACE OF JUSTICE AT GHENT. (Palais de Justice).