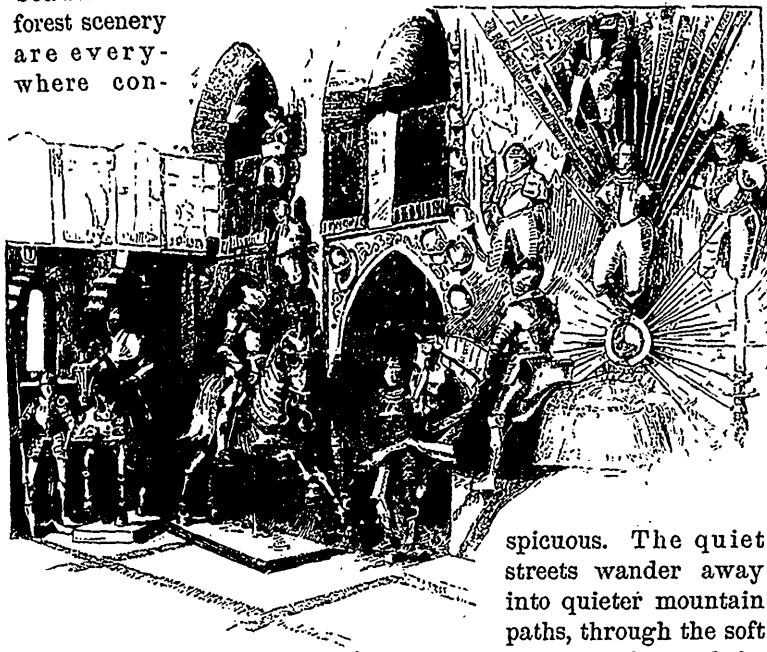


Saxon of the higher class, when I laughed at him for some lingering superstitions; and if one chance to look a little incredulous at the elfin stories of Thuringia, any peasant will tell you that Martin Luther believed in demons, and always said prayers for protection from bad spirits.

The poetry of romantic history added to the most fascinating charms of mountain scenery makes Thuringia an ideal spot of Germany, and there is no place where one starts out to see sights with greater enthusiasm than the immediate neighbourhood of Eisenach. There are charming walks in all directions, and the beauties of forest scenery are everywhere con-



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spicuous. The quiet streets wander away into quieter mountain paths, through the soft green meadows of the Marienthal far off into the secrets of the forest

or high up among the rocks to the Wartburg, whose dark square towers, just visible above the trees, lead on with an irresistible fascination, when we remember that the castle over which they keep watch and ward is associated with all that is most romantic in the life of the Middle Ages. Leaving the Marienthal, a road runs spirally about the hill, and at each turn gives inspiring views of an ideal landscape, made up of waving woodland and emerald pasture fields, enclosed by an amphitheatre