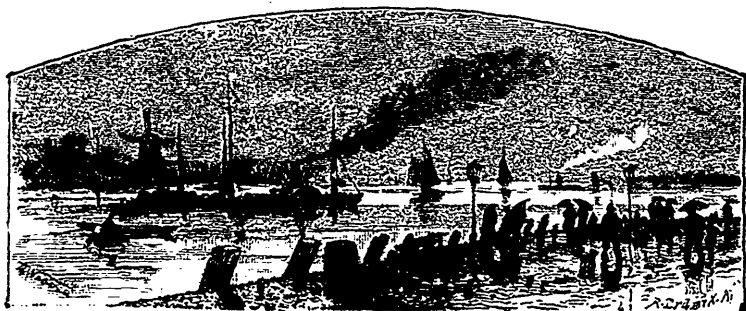


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HERE AND THERE IN EUROPE.

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.



ON THE LOWER RHINE.

THIS amphibious country is well named Holland—the hollow land—as Hudibras says:

“A country that draws fifty feet of water;
A land that lies at anchor and is moored,
In which men do not live but go on board.”

Its character is indicated by its heraldic cognizance—a swimming lion, with the motto *Luctor et Emergo*, which may be freely rendered, “I struggle to keep above water.” Much of the country lies below the level of the sea. These fertile pastures have been reclaimed from the domain of the ocean by the daring industry of the Dutch, who have built great dikes, or embankments, to keep out the ravening sea, which, unlike the “ancient and unsubsidized ally of England”—an invulner-

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