

spires them with cheerfulness, and they give themselves up with ardour to every trilling pleasure. The women of high rank are more distinguished by their ornaments than their beauty. The head is covered with a profusion of dark hair encroaching upon the forehead, the nose aquiline or strait from the brow, full short upper lip ; eyes large, black and full of expression ; complexion, a clear brown, sometimes verry fair, but seldom florid. No country exhibits more examples of benevolence and charity than Italy. They are celebrated for music, sculpture, painting, the arts, and agriculture. What is peculiar in them is, they reckon their day from sunset, and their clocks strike all the hours from 1 to 24.

The Po is the principal river in Italy, and the largest in Europe. Its length is over 500 miles. *Mount Etna* in Sicily, is the largest volcano in Europe. The highest part of this wild and grotesque mountain is computed at 10,963 feet above the sea : the circumference of its base is 180 miles.— From the base it rises like a pyramid, making an angle of 15 degrees to the foot of the great crater. There have been 32 eruptions : the one in 1669, buried a part of the city of Catania with its lava, and destroyed the houses of 27,000 persons ; stones were thrown, of immense size upwards of 7,000 feet, and projected to the distance of 30 miles. Mount Vesuvius, 7 miles from Naples, is remarkable for its eruptions. From its base to the top is 3,731 feet. Cultiva-