

CHAP. VII.

SWITZERLAND.

1. SWIT'-ZER-LAND is a small, but romantic country, adjoining the Alps, the highest mountains in Eu'-rope. Its population is about two millions.

2. The principal towns of Swit'-zer-land are Berne, the capital, * Neuf-cha-tel', † Zu'-rich, and Ge-ne'-va.

3. Swit'-zer-land is distinguished for its beautiful and picturesque scenery, consisting of lofty mountains and dreadful precipices, intermixed with delightful valleys, rivers, and lakes. It is divided into twenty-two districts, or can'-tons.

4. The principal lakes of Swit'-zer-land are Con'-stance, Lu-cerne', * Neuf-cha-tel', and Ge-ne'-va.

5. The Swiss are a robust people, noted for the simplicity of their manners, and their love of liberty.

HOLLAND.

6. HOL'LAND is a small commercial Kingdom, lying to the east of Eng'-land, from which it is separated by the North Sea. It is divided into seven provinces,

* Noo-shat-tel.

† Zu'-rik.