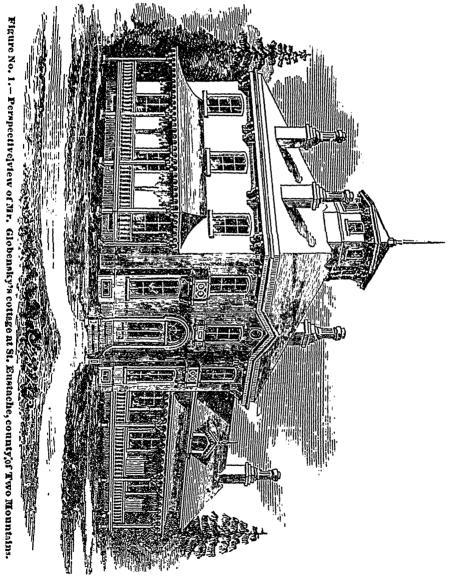
## OUR RAMBLES

## WHERE WE WANT AND WHAT WE

through the best agricultural districts of the Continent of Europe, and, either North or South, East or West, we have met with the practical application of those principles, which theory had learnt us to be the only basis of

good farming. On the mountain slopes of Switzerland, where cheese and butter are the main productions, we found in the numerous herds pasturing the lofty heights of the Alps, all the points prominent in a good milker, and at the homestead dairy operation carried on the most simple and effective plan.

In the neighbourhood of Milano we crossed



those world-renowned irrigated meadows, yielding annually five heavy crops of hay, through a most favourable climate and particular management. Even during the cold days of winter, vegetation is protected and the growth of plants unchecked—Nay! often times when the highways are covered with heavy

snow, the sun shines bright on the green meadows, defying a few days frost under the protection of a light coating of streaming water.

In the Belgium, flax and hops growing districts where every farm is somewhat a large garden, we have been able to judge of the heavy crops raised on a limited surface, the