

every part of Europe, and have within the last few years invaded America; but the accompanying picture, from the original of Gustave Doré, of a Spanish gipsy chief, will no doubt be an object of interest to such of our readers as have not met with it before.



SPANISH GIPSY CHIEF.

The clergy, though still very numerous in Spain, are but a diminished few when compared with what they once were. It seems incredible, but it is affirmed upon what seems to be good authority, that they were once about one-third of the whole population. At the close of the last century the religious orders of all kinds, inquisitors and secular clergy, numbered about 250,000 out of a population of 10,500,000. In 1826 they had decreased to 60,000; 1858 to 44,000, in 1862 to 40,000, and it is thought that their present number is not more than 35,000. In 1764 it was estimated that the clergy possessed one-sixth of the real property and one-third of the movable property of all Spain; and for all