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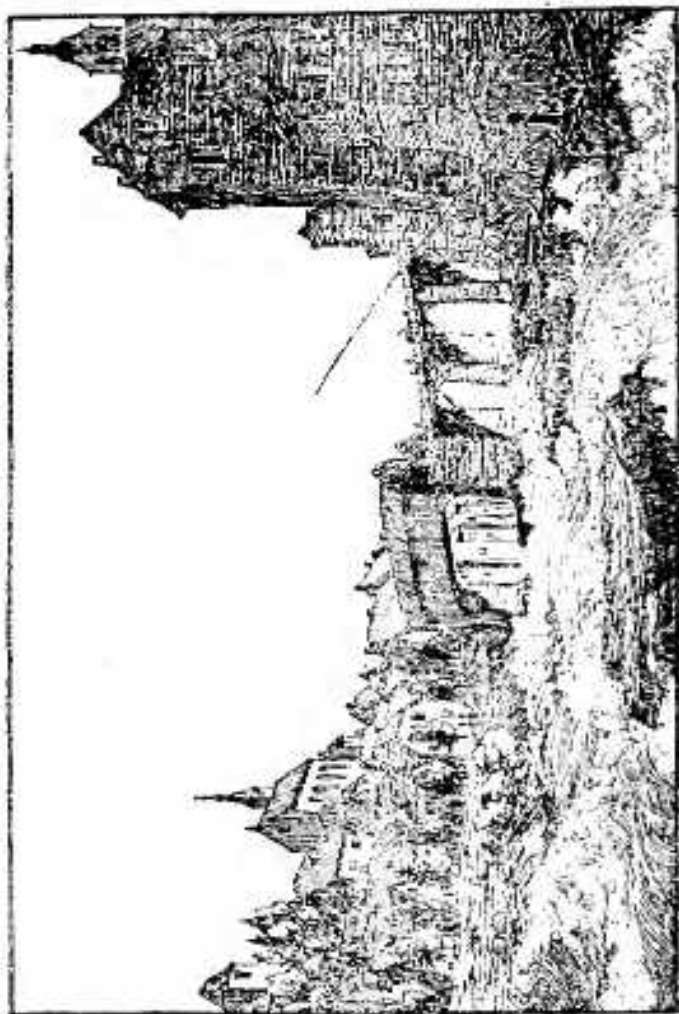
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THE REMAINS OF LAUFENBURG.

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To

H. v. E. S.

TO WHOM BOOK AND AUTHOR OWE SO MUCH





## PREFACE

THE following pages are intended to show how much can be done and seen in three weeks for twelve pounds. We started from London on the night of August 1, and were due back in England on the morning of the 20th; but within this short space we were able to get to the very source of the Rhine and back, mostly by boat and bicycle. Nor did our economy compel us, as a pessimistic friend suggested, to live on sausage and sauerkraut, and sleep one night at the "Hôtel Norfolk Howard," and the next at the "Grosser Floh" or the "Bacillus von Deutschland." Our quarters, however modest, were always clean, and generally very roomy: our food was plentiful and good.

Here and there I have altered names and incidents for discretion's sake, and here and there the reader's own judgment may suggest a pinch of salt; but I have kept faithfully all through to my main purpose of giving a just impression of a Bohemian tour on the Rhine—its charms and varied chances, the beauty of the river, and the good nature

of the people. I have passed quickly over such well-known places as Cologne and Heidelberg, to describe more fully other spots which are still less known than they deserve.

There will be found in the Appendix a fairly complete list of distances and expenses, with a few other practical hints for the journey.