Neckarsteinach and its Four Castles.

"Four old castles," says Victor Hugo, "on four rocky bosses, like four vultures eying each other. Amid the four dungeons a poor old town, fled in terror. it would seem, to the summit of a conical mountain, where it shrinks within its walls, and whence for six centuries, it has watched the formidable attitude of the castles. The Nectar seems to have taken sides with the town, and clasps the hill of the townsfolks in its arm of steel. Old forests bend over this valley in all directions, as if spectators awaiting the combat."

This little town is Neckarsteinach, at the junction nf the two rivers of which its name is compounded.

The four castles are Schadeck, Vorderburg, Mittleburg and Hinterburg, formerly belonging to the Landschen family, which was founded by an old medieval robber or noble (the names are synonymous), Bilgger de Steinach.

On the right is Vorderburg (Further Castle), the old square tower of which is very ancient; the next, the Mittleburg, the third, or Hinterburg (Hinder Castle), is in ruins, but is a most lovely sight for the panorama that is rolled out before you as you stand upon the fallen walls. The Schadeck or Schwalben-nest (Swallow-nest) is a veritable nest perched on the high rocky hilltop.

DANA AND BRYANT.—The author of *The Idle Man* and the auther of "Thanatopsis" contracted a friendship through that incomparable poem, which was of great intellectual advantage to both. If any thing could have relieved the sombreness of that unlucky work, it would have been the poems which the latter contributed to it. The retired lawyer at Cambridge and the active lawyer at Great Barrington corresponded with each other upon what was nearest to their hearts which it hardly need be said was not law, but literature, of which they were the most earnest representatives in America. One of the most important results of their correspondence was an invitation to the poet to write a poem for the Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard—an invitavion which he wisely accepted, and which produced the best poem that ever recited before a college society—"The Ages." This was in 1821, his twenty-seventh year. When he went to Cambridge to deliver the poem he lodged at the house of his friend, and while staying there prepared for the press a small collection of his poetical writings, and adding the beginning and end as we have them now, no doubt by the advice of his critical host. Four years later he abandoned law, and went to New York, where he started the *New York Review*, which is notable in the history of our literature as contaioing the first poems that Richard Henry Dana is known to have written.—R. H. DANA, in *Harper's Magazine for April.*

THE FAN.—In India and China the original model of the fan is said to have been the wing of a bird; and an admirable fan can always be made from two bird's wings, joined by a strip of wood. The fan of the high priests of Isis was in the form of a half-circle, made of feathers of different lengths. Such too were the fans carried in triumphal processions, and which among the Egyptians served as millitary standards in time if war. The Sibyls are said to have been in the habit of fanning themselves as they delivered their oracles, the fan being evidently not regarded in those days as in any way connected with frivolity; and even now, not in the East alone, but in Europe, the fan plays an important part in certain religious ceremonies. The Pope, as may be seen in more than one of Rapheal's pictures, is, on certain occasions of grand ceremony, followed by two fan-bearers; and in the Greek church it is a part of the ordination of deacons to arm the newly recieved ecclesiastic with a fan, that he may protect the officiating priest from flies during the celebration of the mass.

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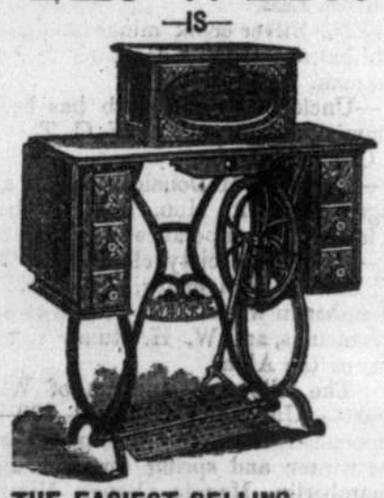

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