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whitened by linen, spread out
to bleach, and others by yarn
on the lawns bleaching before
being woven. As we approached
Brussels the country became
more broken & the soil sensibly
less fertile, as the crops were
thinner & the poppies thrust
their scarlet heads nearly as
high as the wheat giving a
picturesque glory to the field
but not adding to the farmers
comfort by any richness of
return for his toil
Entering Brussels we soon
recognized that we ~~then~~ had
reached a town of regal
splendour & great attraction
the approach to the Hotel
was through a very wide street
which gradually ascended
passing a large Hospital on
the one side & Royal Botanical
gardens on the other till it opened
on a grand Park of rectangular
shape & not less than 50 acres
in extent filled with magnificent
trees ~~with~~ having wide walks
running through avenues of them
at right angles, and with short
intervals; which statuary of many
from animal & human stood
about in every direction - stars
appropriated to this purpose by
Maria Theresa & has been kept
such ever since. Across the
field of shape during one of the
civil struggles but I thought that
the trees must have escaped down
by Napoleon I. as they must have
an age greater than they could
have had, had he demolished
them - On one end of this Park
fronts the Royal Palace a very