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In coming from Brussels we pass through great varieties of soil and features of country. The earlier part somewhat rolling & highly cultivated as that previously noted with the same crops & mode of culture. We noticed long lines of low trellis by the side of the Roads covered with dwarf fruit-trees, plums, peaches & apricots. Still no division lines, no palisades, no partition fences, no hedges. Part of the way lies through the fertile country of Brabant & when approaching ~~[illegible]~~ of ~~[illegible]~~ of which Louvain was the capital, part through the mining district of Liege so celebrated in history & romance. This latter district was the seat of the great strife between the labouring and citizens and the Lords Proprietors or Barons leading at one time to the savage revenge taken by the common people for some wrong by throwing a large number of the nobles out of the windows of the town hall onto the upliftted spears of the people below. Afterward relaliated by the Duke. The spirit of the Flemings and Liegois was never subdued and by their expatriation they impoverished their native country & transforming to Great Britain where they were welcomed in the days of James I. (I believe) they laid the foundation of the manufacturing wealth of that nation. & thus contributed to the spirit of enterprise of our own. One point on the route was remarkable for the wondrous