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faith of simple hearts.
The robe worn by the Virgin at the birth of our Lord and the swaddling clothes in which he was wrapped were but little likely to be kept as sacred relics by the corps of the carpenter of Nazareth fleeing into Egypt to escape the sword of Herod and the timid disciples who all forsook him and fled are little likely to have redeemed the robe of Jesus blood stained from the soldiers who parted it among them nor would he to whose lot it fell be likely to transmit it to his posterity that it might prove its way to this modern city to be adored by those who should be taught by those who professed to have received ordination in regular descent from the apostles as they taught those who could have worshipped them? the times of this ignorance God winked at but now commandeth all men to repent! ~~[illegible]~~ It is said that not less than 50.000. pilgrims chiefly peasants were present at the last exhibition of these relics certainly, of an ancient superstition It occurs only every seventh year.
We were more interested by the busy scene of manufacture and the richness of agriculture At Stolberg were many furnaces Rolling mills and other works for the refining of silver gold zinc lead and bronze? It was a miniature Wolverhampton. For many leagues the country was densely rich in mines and manufactures
But what shall we say of the plains over which we passed after leaving this district. Far as the eye could