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-Nobility of Bohemia.--Private Theatre of Count Claru Gallas.--  
Musical Conservatorium.-- Technical Institution.--Museum. --  
University.--The System of Education in the Austrian Empire--  
its consequence.--Secret Police. The view of Prague, from the  
road of Toplitz, is imposing; you descend into a valley  
extending for five miles, and amphitheatrically rising towards  
the west: it terminates in a ridge, which runs obliquely the  
breadth of the whole city. On this ridge stands the imperial  
castle, an immense front of colossal buildings, seen at the  
distance of ten miles. You pass through an indifferent suburb, a  
half-ruined gate, and enter a street scented by numerous  
kitchens in the front of the houses. It terminates in a Gothic  
tower, which separates the city from the new town, Neustadt,  
laid out by Charles IV. Before this tower two streets diverge,  
from 150 to 200 feet wide....



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