I had had time, such as Bruges, Ghent, Aix la Chapelle, Cobleng, &c.

I shall probably next week start from here with cousin Theo. for a trip in Switzerland. Cousin Virgy will not go with us as she is taking a reg- course of treatment under the doctor's orders for her throat. We will of course return to Ems for cousin Virgy before going south. This place will, in fact, be our head quarters for the whole of this month from which we will make excursions to Berlin, Leipsic, &c.

Perhaps you would like know what kind of a place this is. It is situated in a little valley surrounded on every side by high hills, near the old town of Nassau, capital of the duchy of the same name. Ems has the reputation of being the hottest place on the continent, and I should think, justly, judging by its location, although we have experienced nothing but cool weather since we came.

The town consists almost solely of hotels for the accomodation of the throng of summer visitors who come to take the baths. In former days it was a famous gambling place, but now this is prohibited by law, and the old gambling house or "Kursaal" is used for a theatre, a ball-room, &c.

Ems is about the stupidest place I have ever seen, there is literally nothing to do but to sleep and eat. I will give a bulletin of our daily doings — rise at 7 a.m., go down to the springs and drink a glass of salty warm mineral water, then