

We have already spoken of the Austrian bank-notes which, instead of gold and silver coins, are current throughout the empire. The bank not exchanging its paper for money, it results from it, that the latter, whether gold or silver, is submitted to an agio which varies daily according to the greater or lesser demand for it. Since a few years, however, the state of the Austrian bank has considerably improved, and it is generally believed and hoped that the agio on gold and silver will soon entirely subside; — during the last year the agio amounted 6—8⁰/₀.

The Markets of Vienna.

The principal Markets in Vienna are for vegetables and fruits those on the Hof and Freiung, the Naschmarkt, and that on a place near the Franz-Joseph's Quay which is called „Schanzl“. For venison there are many shops at the so-called „Wildpretmarkt“; Fish is sold in the street running parallel to the Franz-Joseph's Quay, etc. — There is besides a central Market-Hall of recent date on the way to the suburb Landstrasse, in the space between the Railway and the Town-Park, at which all kinds of victuals can be procured at a moderate price and a Detail Market-Hall, opened in 1871 near the Parkring at the corner of the Cobden street and the Zedlitzgasse (F. 4.), a number of such halls will be constructed in the next time.

There are other markets for the purchase of hay, coals and lime, in the proximity of the Matzleinsdorf gate.

Fire-wood is sold on the banks of the Danube in the former suburbs Rossau, Weissgärber, Erdberg, and in the Brigittenau. — Wheat and Corn before the „Getreidemarkt“ Barracks, Laimgrube, and flour is to be had on the Neumarkt and in the old city.

The Market for left-off clothes and a multitude of other second-hand articles is one of the curiosities of the metropolis. Beginning with the most costly articles of dress and ending with the simple button, every imaginable trumpery article is here of cheap acquisition. This establishment is situated near the Berggasse, Alsergrund.

Military Institutions and Establishments.

The imp. roy. **Military College**, Mariahilf, Dreihufeisengasse (D. 5), is devoted to superior instruction for young officers needing some schooling before being admitted to the staff. A complete course of studies lasts three years.

The **Military Geographical Institution** (k. k. militärisch-geographisches Institut), Rathausstrasse 7, (C. 4), founded in 1839. The object of this institution is to draw up plans and maps of the whole empire; to collect for the purpose all the necessary materials both on land and sea; to provide for the publication of the said plans and maps and carefully store up all works of the kind. The Maps of this Institution are renowned as the best in Europe. Emperor Francis-Joseph has contributed much to the aggrandisement of this institution by adding to the number of geographers already-extant (1851) a corps of 44 military geographers.