



MUSEUMS AND STATUE OF MARIA THERESA, VIENNA.—Just off the handsome curving boulevards of Vienna called the “Ring Strassen,” are two imposing structures almost the exact counterparts of each other in form, decorations and dimensions. They are the New Imperial Museums just completed at a cost of some millions of dollars. One is to contain the famous Belvedere picture gallery and other great collections scattered through the city; while its companion edifice will be devoted to **ARCHAEOLOGY** and **NATURAL HISTORY**—forming together thus one of the finest collections of Art and Science in the world. Within the center of this square, between these New Museums, is an elaborate monument in bronze erected recently to the memory of the Empress Maria Theresa. It is designed to commemorate her entire reign. Below the statue of the Empress are reliefs portraying prominent events connected with her history; beneath these are fine statues of her ablest statesmen; while on the corners are equestrian figures of her leading generals. Well may Austria honor thus the most illustrious sovereign that ever occupied her throne. It would be hard to find in history a woman who had more imperial qualities and sterling character than Maria Theresa. For she was brave as well as beautiful, and dauntless as she was devout. It was for her that her chivalric Hungarian nobles with drawn swords exclaimed as with one voice, “Let us die for our KING, Maria Theresa.”