

## LESSON 53.

## SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND GERMANY

1. *Spain is the country of the Spaniards*: though now amongst the weakest, it was once the most important kingdom in Europe, and possessed vast territories in North and South America.

2. The climate is pleasant, and the soil fertile, but badly cultivated *Oranges, figs, and grapes*, grow in great perfection. There are many *merino sheep*, from which the finest wool in Europe is obtained. Madrid is the capital: Barcelona and Seville are important cities.



Bull Fight.

3. *Bull fights* are a favourite amusement in Spain, and are attended by all classes of the inhabitants. In these cruel exhibitions, both men and horses are sometimes killed by the tortured and infuriated bulls.

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QUESTIONS. — 1. What is Spain? 2. What grow in perfection? — Of what are there many? 3. What are a favourite amusement?