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LOWER AUSTRIA, STYRIA, CARINTHIA, AND CARNIOLA

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To the Reintal-Hospiz (3120'; 2½ hrs.). Path either through the Partnachklamm and the Reintal, ascending to the right from (1½ hr.) the finger-post in the Wiesele-Graben (see below) to (¼ hr.) the hospice; or diverging to the right at the opening of the Partnachklamm (½ hr. from Partenkirchen) and crossing the *Hohe Weg* (steep at the beginning only) to the (¼ hr.) °*Reintal-Hospiz* (42 beds, pens. 6-8 *M.*), commanding a fine view. Excursions: by the level *Feenweg* to the *Hinterklamm* (p. 54), ¾ hr.; to the *Drehmöser-Hütte* (4225'), 1 hr.; to the *Kreuzeck-Haus* (see below) viâ the *Bernardein-Jagdsteig*, 2¼ hrs.; to the *Hochalm* (see below), 2¾ hrs.; to the *Stuiben Alp* (5310'), 2½ hrs.; to the *Knorr-Hütte* (p. 54), 5 hrs.

°*Kreuzeck-Haus* (5420'; 3 hrs.; guide, 5 *M.*, unnecessary), the easiest and most attractive excursion among the lower heights. The route ascends in windings (good club-path) from the (½ hr.) *Risser-See* (p. 49) for the most part through wood, by the *Risser Moos* and past the shooter's hut *Bei den Trokeln* to the *Kreuzjoch Saddle* (5180') and the (3 hrs.) *Kreuzeck* (5420'), with the *Adolf-Zoeppritz-Haus* (*Inn all the year round, 19 beds and 23 mattresses; telephone) and a striking view. This is the starting-point for the ascents of the *Alpspitze* and *Hochblassen*. Excellent district for ski-ing. The path then passes the royal shooting-hut and leads round the basin of the *Bodenlahn-Tal* to the (½ hr.) *Hochalm* (5595'), commanding an admirable view of the *Alpspitze*, *Dreiterspizze*, and other peaks. — From the *Kreuzeck-Haus* a new club-path ascends past the *Hupfleiten-Joch* (5755') and the ruinous cottages belonging to a deserted lead-mine (5010' and 4785') to the (2¼ hrs.) *Höllental-Hütte*. — The *Höllentorkopf* (7055'), a splendid point of view, may be ascended from the *Hochalm* viâ the *Höllentor* (6560') by climbers not subject to giddiness in 1 hr., with guide (6 *M.*). The steep descent from the *Höllentor* by the *Rinderweg* into the *Mathaisenkar* and to the (1¾ hr.) *Höllental-Hütte* should not be attempted without a guide (see below). An easier path descends from the *Hochalm* or the *Kreuzeck-Haus* viâ the *Bernardein Hut* (red way-marks) into the *Bodenlahn-Tal* and to the (1½ hr.) *Reintal-Hospiz* (see above). The direct descent from the *Kreuzeck* into the *Bodenlahn-Tal* (way-board) is very steep and not to be recommended.

°*Höllental-Klamm*, 2½-3 hrs. from Garmisch (there and back ½ day). Omnibus six times daily in ¾ hr. (fare 80 pf., from Partenkirchen 1 *M.*) viâ *Schnödlz* to *Hammersbach* (2535'; Höllental Inn), at the mouth of the *Höllental*, which may be reached by pedestrians also in 1 hr. by a pleasant path diverging to the left at the W. end of Garmisch. From the inn we ascend by a shady path on the left bank of the *Hammersbach*, finally in zigzags cut out of the sheer rocky face below the *Stangenwand* (see below), to the (1 hr.) *Höllentalklamm-Hütte* (3430'; rfmts.) at the entrance to the *Klamm*, where tickets of adm. (50 pf.) are sold. The path through the gorge, built in 1902-7, is protected by railings and quite safe; guide unnecessary, waterproof desirable. It ascends the *Klamm* (the lower part also known as *Maxklamm*) by means of numerous galleries and tunnels, skirting the precipitous rocks by iron bridges, and affording picturesque views of the cascades of the *Hammersbach*. The finest point is below the iron *Klamm Bridge* (see below), where the snow lies in two avalanches about 330' wide until the height of summer; to the left the *Höllentorkopf* rises perpendicularly to a height of nearly 3300'. From the (½ hr.) exit of the *Klamm* (3810'), beyond which we join the upper path (8 min.; see below), we may proceed to the *Höllental-Anger* with the (¾ hr.) *Höllental Club-Hut* (4535'; Inn, 14 beds and 22 mattresses), in grand environs.

The *Upper Klammweg*, now seldom used, ascends from *Hammersbach*, soon becoming steeper, through the *Stangenwald* to the perpendicular rocks of the *Waxenstein*, 330 yds. before reaching which we join the direct path from *Ober-Grainau*, at a point where another path diverges for the hut at the entrance to the *Höllental* (¼ hr.). The '*Stangensteig*' (3 ft. broad; wire-rope and railings) then skirts the precipice, commanding a fine view towards the plain, and leads to (1½ hr.) the iron °*Klamm Brücke* (3630'), 33 yds. in length and 255' above the *Hammersbach*. A path (out of repair; not advisable) diverging to the left here leads to the miners' huts (see above). The path on the right bank proceeds along the gorge to a (20 min.) wooden bridge (3915'), and to the (¾ hr.) *Höllental Club-Hut* (see above).