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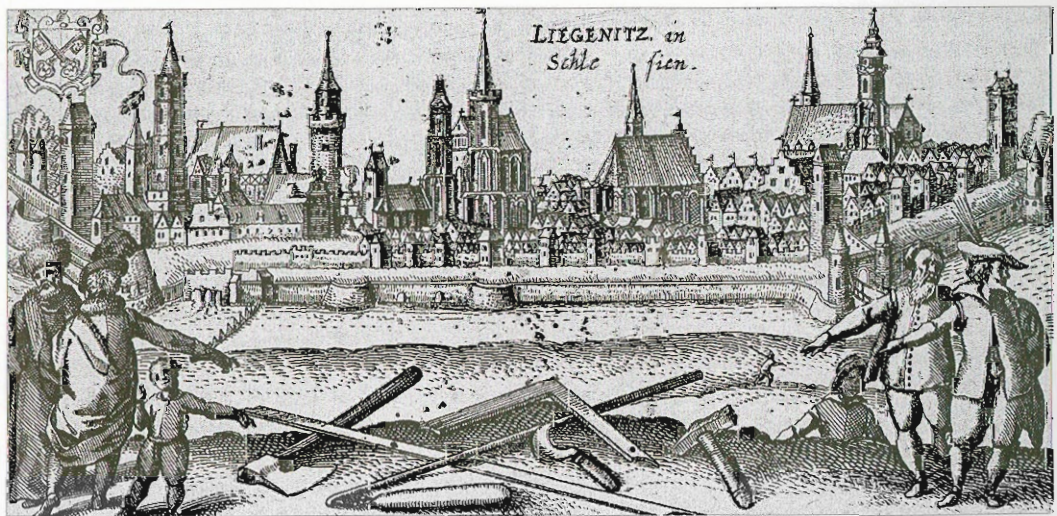
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Brzeg. Castle courtyard with porticos.

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1. Krasków. This locale, mentioned as early as the fourteenth century, was the property of the greatest Silesian families: the Seidlitz, von Nimptschow, Zedlitz, and Hochberg families. The palace was built in 1746 by David Sigismund von Zedlitz and remained in that family until 1847. The surrounding garden was designed in 1848 by the renowned architect Peter Joseph Lenné.

2. Lubomierz. The church of the Benedictine nuns - now Church of St. Matern - was erected on the site of an earlier Gothic structure and its architecture betrays the influence of the builder of the Church of St. Nikolaus in Mala Strana in Prague. The construction was supervised by Jakob Scheerhofer. The interior was built on a design based on a system of sail vaulting combined with interpenetrating ellipse-shaped bays. Above the side aisles, galleries were constructed. In 1728, the process of decorating the vaulting of the church with frescoes was commenced by Georg Wilhelm Neunhertz.

3. Wleń. The ruins of a castle whose construction was begun in the late twelfth century. The structure, built on the site of an original twelfth and thirteenth-century edifice and located on a rise with a view of the Karkonosze Mountains and the hill of the castle in Grodziec, consisted of a tower with an octagonal lower portion and circular upper portion, a single-chambered chapel with an outthrust presbytery, a rectangular residential tower, and an encircling wall.

Colored maps of Lower Silesia:

1. Map "Silesia Ducatus" prepared by A. Martino Helwigs Nissende, in "La theatre du monde ou Nouvel Atlas contenant..." Amsterdam, 1649.

2. A modern map of Lower Silesia.

Illustration on page 1.

Legnica. A view of the city as background to the emblem, "Work has no heirs". An etching from "Sciagraphia Cosmica". Nürnberg, 1637.

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