

their invasion by lava currents, prove that even the most recent of these volcanic eruptions belong to an era incalculably remote."

47. EXTINCT VOLCANOES OF THE RHINE.— I have dwelt so long on the Phlegræan fields of Auvergne, that but a brief space can be afforded to another group of tertiary volcanoes. Every one who has ascended the Rhine, will remember where

“ The castled crag of Drachenfels
Frowns o'er the wide and winding Rhine,”

forming one of the Siebengebirge, or Seven Mountains, whose majestic and graceful forms suddenly

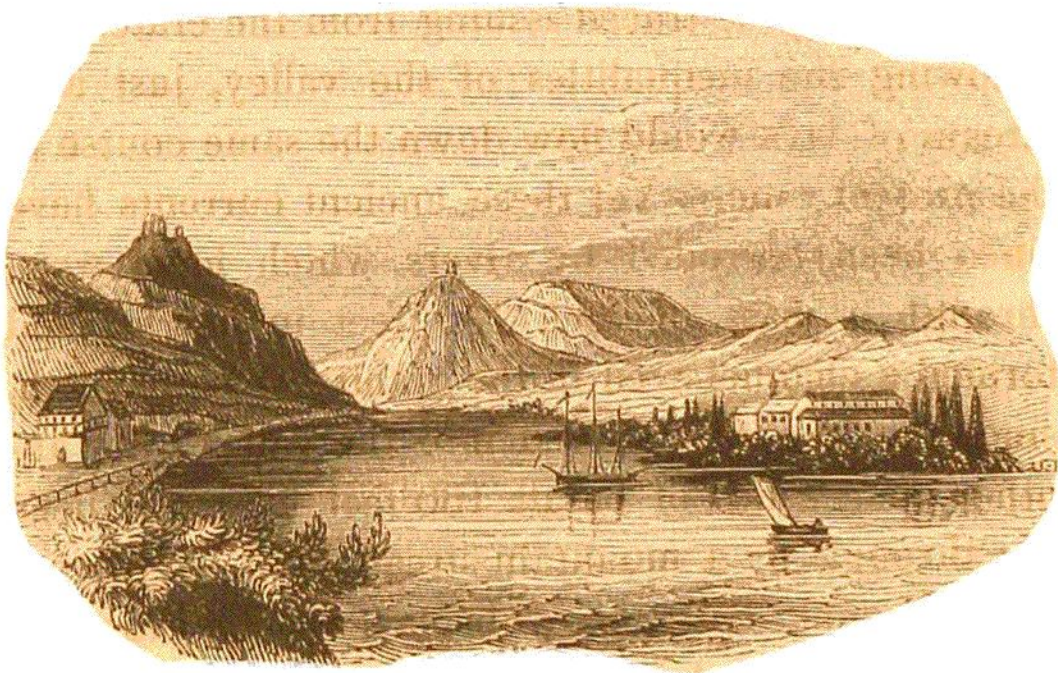


TABLE 46.—THE DRACHENFELS.

(Drawn by Miss Jane Allnutt.)

burst on the sight, rising from the level plains on the right bank of the river, to an altitude of nearly