

in July, and *Draba incana* at an earlier period of the year. In neighbouring situations occur *Gentiana verna*, *Bartsia alpina*, *Dryas octopetala*, *Thalictrum alpinum*, and *Lycopodium alpinum**.

STAINMOOR (Teut. *Stony Moor*).—The whole country sinks from Mickle Fell to the southward, so as to form a broad depression in the great Penine ridge. It is through this depression that the great Roman road was carried from Eboracum (York) to Luguwallium (Carlisle). The title of Stainmoor applies well enough to this broad surface of gritstone and shales diversified by many picturesque craggy summits, which are sometimes capped by erratic blocks of granite, brought by some uncommon natural force from Shap Fell in Westmoreland. One of these blocks rests on the millstone crags of Goldsborough which rise to the east of the summit of Stainmoor, 1360 feet above the sea: another at about the same height west of the summit, which is 1440 feet above the sea.

From the last-mentioned block we may look back across the Vale of Eden, over many other such scattered erratics, almost to the very point of the Fell from which they were torn, and speculate on the power employed, and the ancient condition of land and sea which could render possible this almost miraculous transport of heavy rocks across deep valleys and over lofty hills. On the line of the Roman military road over Stainmoor, and on the summit of the pass, is an ancient Camp of considerable dimensions, and singular construction. Its general figure is rhomboidal, with the angles rounded; those to the north-west and south-east being most acute. The sides are about 300 yards long, and approximate in direction to the cardinal points.

The enclosure is formed by a vallum, nowhere much elevated except on the south side, where it is partially double. On this side and toward the west the ground is precipitous and rocky. Toward the north, west and east, the vallum is pierced by three openings in each face, and toward the south by two original

* Baines's Flora of Yorkshire.