

*cornes, tours, mamelons, trompes, brèches*, and the like. That the reader may the more vividly conceive an idea of these various and characteristic configurations, we shall give a few examples, and call to our aid the artist's pencil in illustration.

Of the spiry, needle-like mountain summit, an impressive example is *Mont Aiguille*, in the Dauphiné.

In the chain of Mont Blanc a series of peaks are appropriately named Aiguilles (or needles): as the *Aiguille de Charmoz*, the *Aiguille du Dru*, the *Aiguille Verte*—needles of bare and almost perpendicular rock, soaring from fields of snow and rivers of ice to an elevation of 14,000 feet. In Figure 37 we represent the *Aiguille du Dru* and the *Aiguille Verte*, both of which fling their coldly serene shadows on the rugged crystalline surface of the *Mer de Glace*.



FIG. 38 — THE MER DE GLACE, OR SEA OF ICE, WITH ITS AIGUILLES.

[Another mountain, with a toothed or dentelated peak, is *Mont Cervin*, which overlooks both the French and Italian slopes of the great Alpine range. This, the *Matterhorn* of the Germans, and the *Monte Silvio* of the Italians, forms the dominant mass of the Pennine chain, about 40 miles E.N.E. of Mont Blanc, and between the Valais