

is supported on either hand by ranges of mighty pillars, which flash and gleam with a thousand hues, as the sea dashes into the echoing recess, and irradiates the darkness with rainbow-coruscations. The roof is composed of pendent pillars which glitter with an incrustation of calcareous stalagmites. The portal to this haunted cavern, which

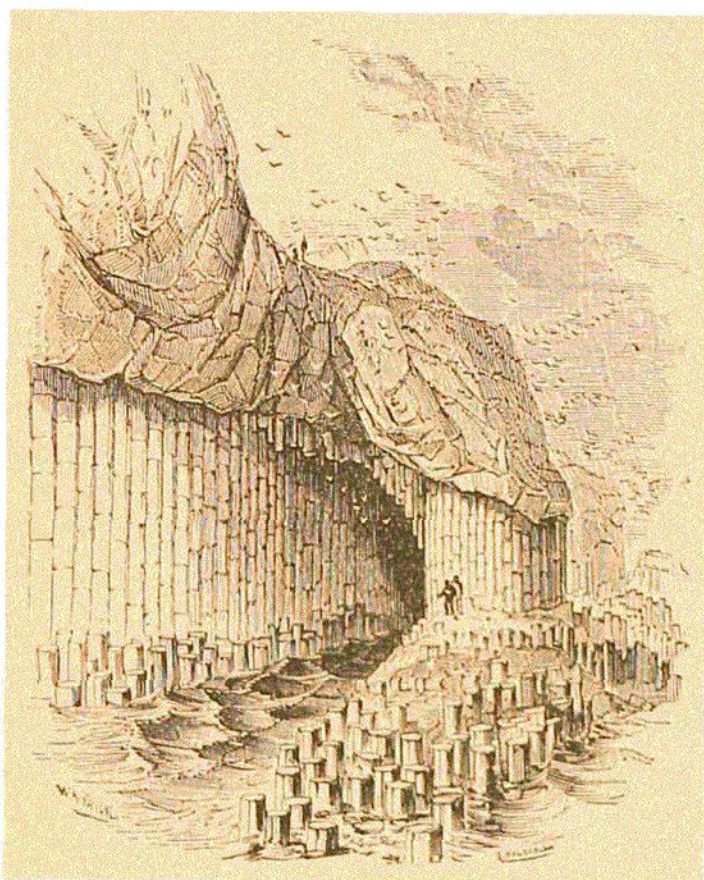


FIG. 43.--FINGAL'S CAVE (SCOTLAND).

an old Greek would have fancied to be the palace of his god Poseidon, is 33 feet in width, and 60 feet in height. The palace-hall measures 212 feet in length.]

In Figure 44 the artist puts before us a representation of one of the *Islands of the Cyclops*, lying in the "blue Mediterranean," at no great distance from the coast of fertile Sicily, and consisting of volcanic mountains formed by eruptions of basalt.

Examples of *Mamelons* or *Croupes Montagneuses* are too numerous and too well known for any particular description to be necessary.

*Perforated Mountains* ("Montagnes percées à jour") form one of