

It is evident that we cannot describe in detail each mountain whose name is inscribed in the foregoing Table.\* We shall confine our remarks to a few of the more remarkable. And, in the first place, we shall speak of Mont Blanc, which, as far as Europe is concerned, may justly be sung as—

“The monarch of mountains,”

which the genius of nature crowned

“Long ago,  
On a throne of rocks, in a robe of clouds,  
With a diadem of snow.”

Let us examine, then, the narratives of the different attempts



FIG. 53.—MONT BLANC, FROM THE MER DE GLACE.

which have been made at different epochs to climb this immense colossal mass, regarded as inaccessible by man until the close of the last century. We show, in Figure 52, the panorama of the Mont Blanc chain, taken from the Buet mountain, which is situated at a distance of several leagues.

The summit of Mont Blanc is 15,739 feet above the sea-level. Prior to the

\* [The figures in this Table, we may add, are offered as the result of a careful comparison of the best authorities.]