

We shall close our description of the European Mountains with a few remarks on the average elevation of the entire mainland of Europe.

According to Humboldt, the average elevation of the plains of France is 500 feet. Arago places it at 680 feet, calculating the mean of a great number of French towns. The repartition of the mountains raised the dead mean level by 370 feet, giving 870 feet as the mean general elevation of France, if we adopt the data of Humboldt. If we take Arago's estimate, we obtain 1050 feet. It should be remarked that the annexation of Savoy, by placing the Mont Blanc group in France, augments still further the mean elevation. These variations do not materially affect the calculation of the mean height above the sea of all Europe.

Germany, on the average, is higher than France, 1250 feet representing its mean level. For the European continent Humboldt gives 670 feet.

The mean elevation of Asia is 1150 feet; that of North America, 750 feet; and of South America, 1130. If the ocean rose 1000 feet, it would therefore submerge the greater portion of our globe.

The reader will more readily understand the significance of these figures if he compares them with those set forth in the subjoined

TABLE OF THE ELEVATION OF SOME INHABITED PLACES IN EUROPE.

	F.E.E.T.		F.E.E.T.
Hospice of St. Bernard,	8110	Munich,	1764
Village of St. Veran (Alps),	6693	Geneva,	1450
Village of Soglio (Grisons), ... about	6700	Leadhills (Scotland),	1823
Village of Breuil (Mont Cervin), ...	6584	Lima (Peru),	520
Village of Baréges (Pyrenees), ...	4072	Vienna,	486
Baths of Mont Dore, about	3400	Paris (Observatory),	213
Village of Chamounix,	3350	London (Thames at London	
Pontarlier,	2710	Bridge),	4 ft. 3 in.
Madrid,	1994	Edinburgh Castle,	443

We may compare with these elevations the heights of some of the more remarkable buildings raised by the hand of man:—

TABLE OF THE HEIGHT OF SOME REMARKABLE BUILDINGS.

	F.E.E.T.		F.E.E.T.
Great Pyramid of Ghizeh,	461	Sainte Chapelle, Paris,	114
Strasbourg Cathedral,	466	Nôtre Dame, Paris,	102
St. Peter's, at Rome,	433	The Monument, London,	202
St. Paul's, London,	404	Salisbury Cathedral, Wilts,	400
Victoria Tower, London,	346		