

IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO—					FEET.	ACCORDING TO	
Popocatepetl,					17,717,	...	Humboldt.
Orizaba,					17,874,	...	"
Iztacihuatl,					15,705,	...	"
Nevado of Toluca,					15,542,		
Volcan de Fuego,					13,160,	...	Keith Johnston.
Irasu, Volcano of,					11,480,	...	"
IN THE WEST INDIES—							
Blue Mountains,					7,277		
La Soufrière,					5,108		
Montagne Pelée,					4,132		
IN NORTH AMERICA—							
Mount St. Elias,					16,775		
Mount Moosehillock, Alleghany range,					4,636		
Mount Washington, Alleghany range,					6,634		
Fremont's Peak, Oregon,					13,670		
Mount Hooker, Rocky Mountains, ...					15,700		
Mount Elias (lat. 61° N.), Rocky Moun-							
tains,					17,800		
Mount Chasta, California,					14,000		
Mount Brown (lat. 53° N.),					16,000		

This Table has been prepared from a careful comparison of statements, and gives the figures now accepted by the best authorities.]

[The extreme length of South America may be computed at 4020 geographical miles. Throughout this vast extent stretches the colossal chain of the Andes, nowhere of any remarkable width, but always of surpassing height; seldom at any great distance from the coast, to which it descends with a somewhat rapid and unbroken incline; and eastward, dipping towards the vast plains of the *Silvas* and the *Pampas* in a series of terraces and deep valleys.

It first emerges from the ocean in the bleak and rocky islands of *Tierra del Fuego*, where its summits are covered with a dreary-looking peat moss, and its sides with sombre forests of brown beech. A profound valley filled with the waters of the Pacific forms the Straits of *Magellan*, and the mountains again appear on the west coast of *Patagonia*, whence they extend in an unbroken line to the Isthmus of *Panama*. A lower chain, partly submerged by the sea, is represented by the archipelagoes and islands that fringe the iron-bound shore from *Cape Horn* to the 48th parallel of south latitude. This iron-bound shore is broken up by countless inlets or *fjords*, between whose rocky walls the billows hurtle with restless violence.