

awful natural forces which convulsed the fair surface of our planet at epochs immeasurably anterior to the existence of man.

Before surveying the mountain-ranges of this great continent, we place before the reader

A TABLE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUMMITS.

IN THE HIMALAYA RANGE—		FEET.			FEET.
Gaurisankar, Sikkim,		29,002	Ararat, Armenia,		17,712
Kanchinjinga, Sikkim,		28,156	Argæus, Asia Minor,		18,197
Dhwalagiri, Nepaul,		26,826	Belakha, in the Altaï,		11,062
Juwahir, Kumaon,		25,670	IN SYRIA—		
Jumnautri, Nepaul,		25,500	Libanus,		9,517
Dhaibun, Nepaul,		24,740	Horeb, Arabia,		8,593
Chumalari, Tibet,		23,946	Sinai, Arabia,		7,498
Momonangli, Tibet,		23,500	IN THE URAL RANGE—		
Api Peak, Nepaul,		22,799	Kamen, Asiatic Russia,		5,397
Peak, No. 12,	Between the Kali and the Ganges,	23,263	Termel, Asiatic Russia,		5,071
Peak, No. 13,		22,313	ASIATIC ISLANDS—		
Peak, No. 14,		22,727	Adam's Peak, Ceylon,		6,152
Peak, No. 15,		22,277	Slamat, Java,		11,930
St. George's,	Between the Ganges and the Sutlej,	22,500	Sumpung, Java,		11,030
St. Patrick's,		22,638	Gunong Pasama,* Sumatra,		13,840
Gungoutri,		21,219	ELEVATION OF PARTICULAR LOCALITIES—		
Kohibaba, Hindu Kush,		17,905	Lake Manasarowa, Tibet,		15,250
Ibi-Gamin Pass, Gurhival		20,457	Lake Nainital, Kumaon,		6,520
Karakorum Pass, Tibet,		18,600	Lake of Cashmir,		5,126
Parang Pass, Tibet,		18,500	Lake Baikal, Asia,		1,535
Kronbrung Pass, Tibet,		18,313	Lake Van, Asia Minor,		54
Doora Ghaut, Tibet,		17,750	Villages on south side of the Himalaya, in Kumaon,		13,000
Lipu Lek Pass, Tibet,		16,884	Ladak, Tibet,		9,995
Niti Ghaut, Tibet,		16,814	Niti, village, Kumaon,		11,473
Paralaha Pass,		16,500	Darjeeling, in the Sikkim Himu- layas,		7,165
Shatool Pass,		15,500	Cabul, Afghanistan,		6,382
IN THE CAUCASUS RANGE—			Kandahar, Afghanistan,		5,563
Elburz,		18,493	Cashmere, city of,		5,818
Kasbek,		16,530			
IN PERSIA—					
Demavend,		14,695			

The great table-land of Central Asia is divided, between the 47th and 68th meridians of east longitude, into two parts, by a massive mountain group, in which the Hindu Kush, the Himalaya, the Tsun-lin, and the transverse ranges of the Beloot Tagh, or "Cloudy Mountains," all converge.

The table-land extends from S.W. to N.E.; and the principal

* Identified by some authorities with the ancient *Ophir*.