

precipices, and covered with primeval forests. The Peak of Teneriffe may roughly be described as a grand cone of verdure crowned by a lesser cone of snow. In Fernando Po, which its discoverer, Fernando Gomez, very justly designated *Ilha Formosa*, the "Beautiful Island," Clarence Peak rises to the height of 10,650 feet; its summit, composed of volcanic ashes, is almost constantly enshrouded in mist. Among the Cape Verd cluster, the volcano of Fogo attains an elevation of 9159 feet. After a long interval of repose, it has suddenly given

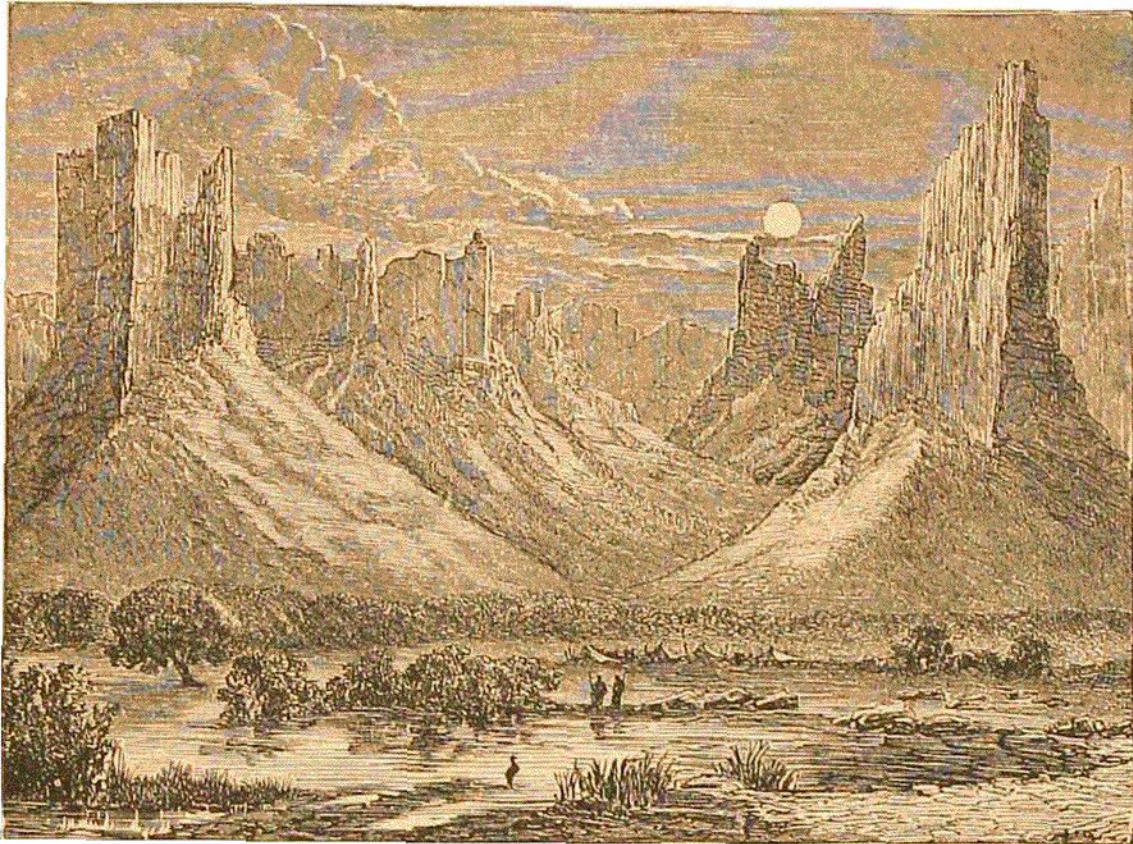


FIG. 69.—THE HOMBORI MOUNTAINS.

signs of renewed activity. The arid and gloomy mass of Ascension Island rises to 2870 feet above the sea. Diana's Peak, a dark and rugged volcanic rock in the Island of St. Helena, is 2700 feet; and Peter Botte Mountain, in the Island of Mauritius, 2874. Its shape is that of a pyramidal spire, singularly bare and precipitous, crowned by a projecting mass of rock. Bourbon, or Réunion, consists of two groups of volcanic mountains, connected by a tongue of low land, and surrounded by a belt of rough, broken littoral. The Piton de