

In the Lake District the waterfalls are numerous, and many of them are distinguished by their romantic and even magnificent character. The principal are Dungeon Gyll, Lodore, Stock Gyll, and Aira Force. These have been celebrated by Wordsworth and Southey, and it must be owned that they are not unworthy of a poet's praise.

In completing our rapid survey we must glance at Africa. Here the most remarkable cascades are those of the Nile, the Zambesi, the Zaire or Congo, and the Senegal.

The *Falls of Félou*, on the latter river, are situated about one hundred miles

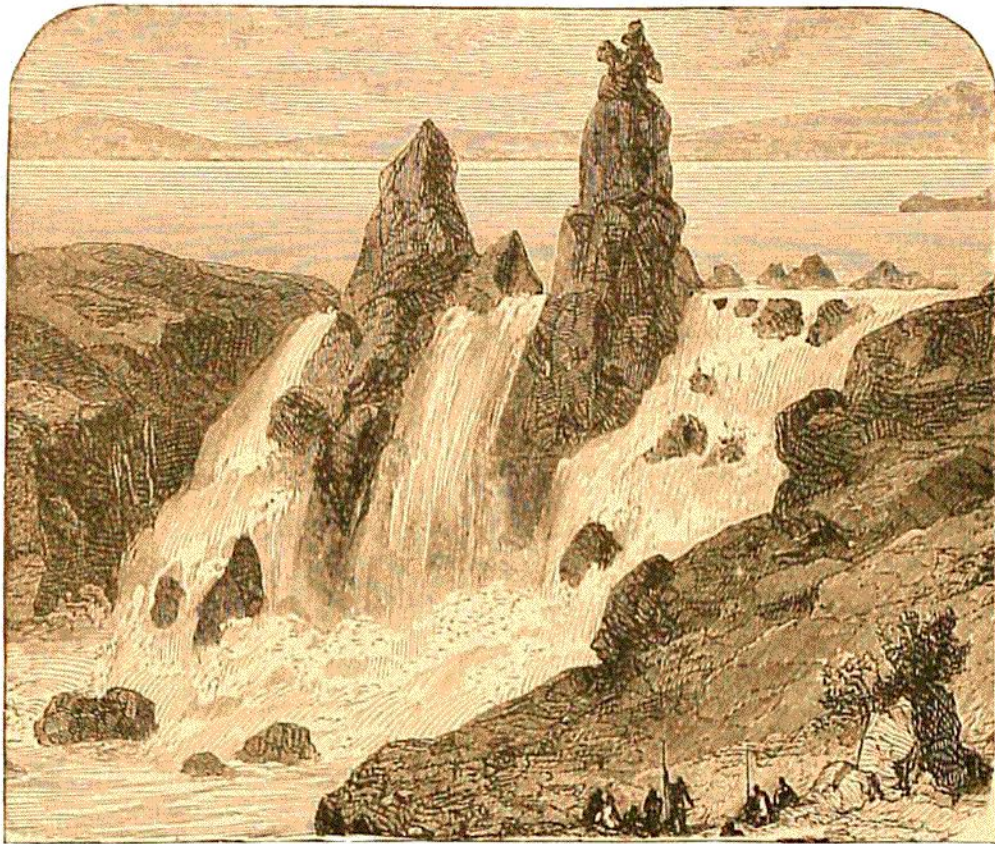


FIG. 184.—FALLS OF FÉLOU, ON THE SENEGAL RIVER.

above its confluence with the Falémé. The traveller reaches the spot from the village of Medina, by ascending a gentle incline to a very extensive table-land, whose surface is as polished as an asphalt pavement. After a walk of forty minutes, he finds himself in front of the river, and beneath the cataract. The difference of level is not more than ninety-five feet; the vertical plane on which the waters are distributed in falling is besprinkled with blocks of sandstone, incessantly assailed by their restless agency, and fashioned into the most fantastic designs. Observe the deep orifices which have been wrought by the infiltrations and minute fragments of quartz, as if by a chisel. The waters have undermined the rock from below, and it is the parts already weakened which cut the troughs or sluices in the wall of sandstone thrown across the river's course from north to south. The singu-