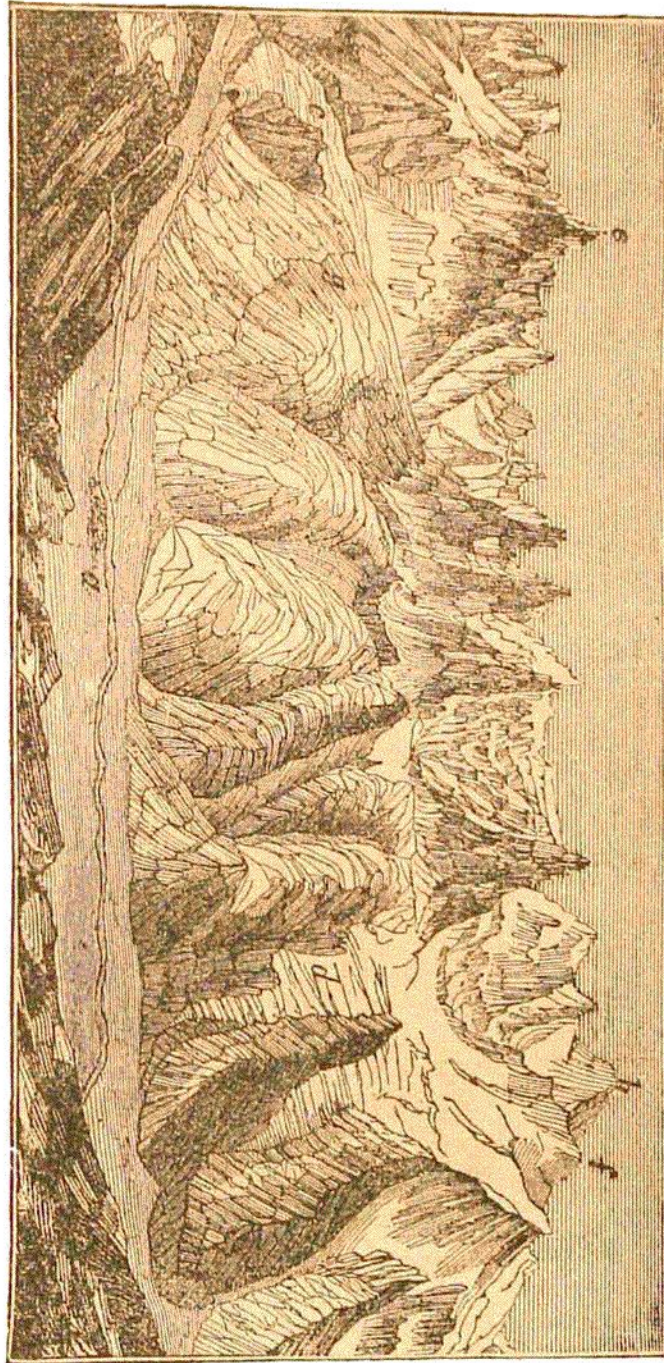


Fig. 79.



these are called *avalanches* ; and so large are they sometimes, that from one to five villages, with thousands of inhabitants, have been destroyed in a moment.

Landslips are a somewhat similar occurrence, happening in countries where perpetual frost does not exist. They frequently occur in the spring, when the frost leaves the soil, and the great weight of snow and ice drags along with it trees, soil, and rocks, down the mountain's side. Sometimes these