

Nature's most fantastic peaks. The *Pierre pertuis* in the Jura range, *Pausilippo* near Naples, *Monte Tafonato* in Corsica, and the *Torghat* in Norway, may be named as remarkable illustrations.

Pausilippo is an ancient and a celebrated site, for tradition places there the tomb of the poet Virgil. It rises on the margin of the sea, at the eastern extremity of the beautiful Parthenopean Bay. It is pierced from flank to flank by a tunnel, through which the road from Naples to Pozzuoli is carried, forming an arcade of gigantic dimensions. Originally it was a stone quarry, and the continual working of it has terminated in boring through the mountain from

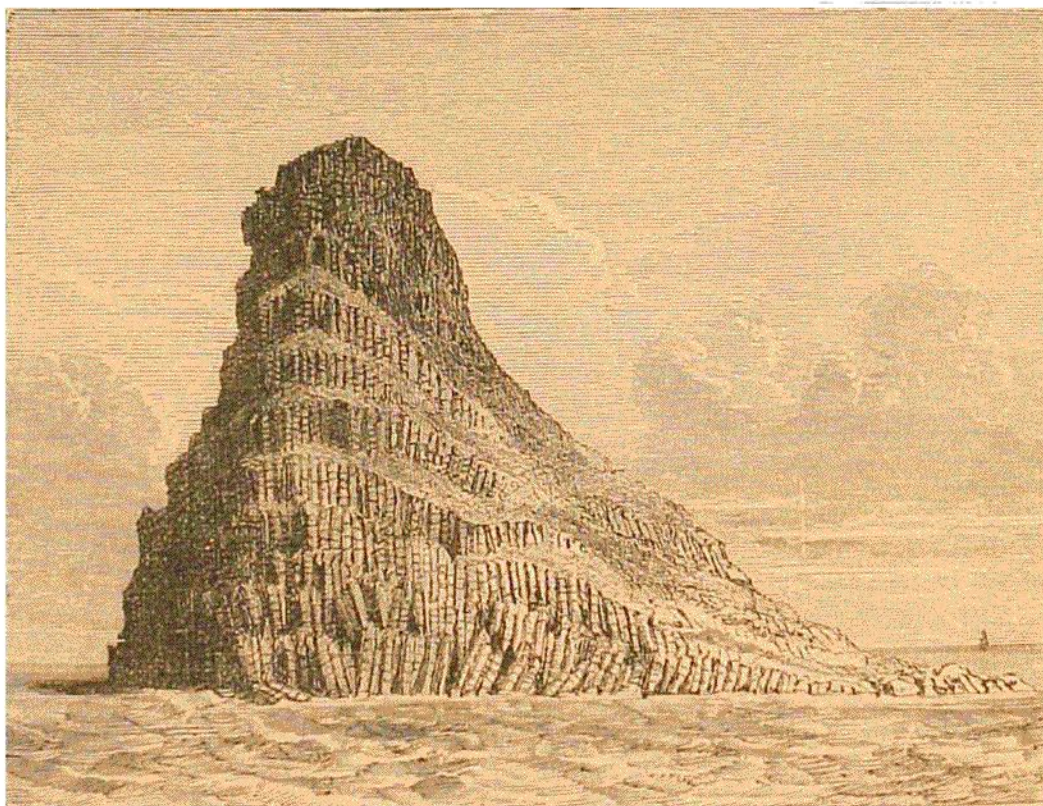


FIG. 44.—CYCLOPS ISLAND.

one side to the other. Towards the middle of the fifteenth century, Alphonso, king of Naples, caused it to be enlarged; at a later period it was again extended in size, and furnished with shafts in the roof to facilitate the ventilation. About one thousand yards in length, the subterranean way of Pausilippo is thirty yards in height, and from eight to ten in breadth (Fig. 45). Midway stands a chapel