

his example was imitated by M. Autonomoff; he confirmed his predecessor's narrative, which had been impugned by the Armenian clergy. Some English tourists effected the ascent in 1857.

*Ararat consists of two conical peaks; the elevation of the smaller is 13,100 feet, and the two are about 16,000 feet apart in a straight line.*

The chain of the Caucasus we have already described. Its loftiest peaks are those of Elburz (18,493 feet) and Kazbek (16,530 feet).

To the south of the Caspian Sea stretches the Mazenderan chain, in which the eye is attracted by the magnificent mass of Demavend, near Teheran, the capital of Persia. Its elevation above the sea is estimated at 14,695 feet.