

The Pyrenean ravines are remarkable for their savage beauty. Dauphiny, too, is rich in this variety of mountain-landscape.

In Figure 77 we represent the curious gorge of the Rosstrappe, formed by the close approach of the mountains of the Harz.

Numerous very picturesque ravines, the haunts of wild bands of brigands, intersect the Taurus range, in Cilicia. Their flanks are clothed with cedars, oaks,



FIG. 77.—ROSSTRAPPE, A RAVINE IN THE HARZ MOUNTAINS.

planes, and resinous trees. The defile leading from Cilicia into Cappadocia has received the name of the "Gates of Cilicia." It is a strategetical point of the greatest importance. Xenophon, who traversed it, has left on record a description which very truly represents its actual condition and aspect. Such, at least, is the statement of M. Victor Langlois, who has recently explored the Taurus (Tersos), and who adds that the Kulck is still rich in memorials of the march of the Crusaders. The natives point out to the curious traveller the tree at whose foot sat the leader