

covered it at a point 4650 feet below the promontory. In a bottle hidden under some stones, they found the manuscript notes of Hugi's earlier observations. In the following year, Agassiz ascertained that a further removal of 210 feet had taken place. Thus, in a period of thirteen years, Hugi's hut had descended about 4850 feet, or at a rate of 373 feet per annum.

To study these phenomena more completely, Agassiz passed two

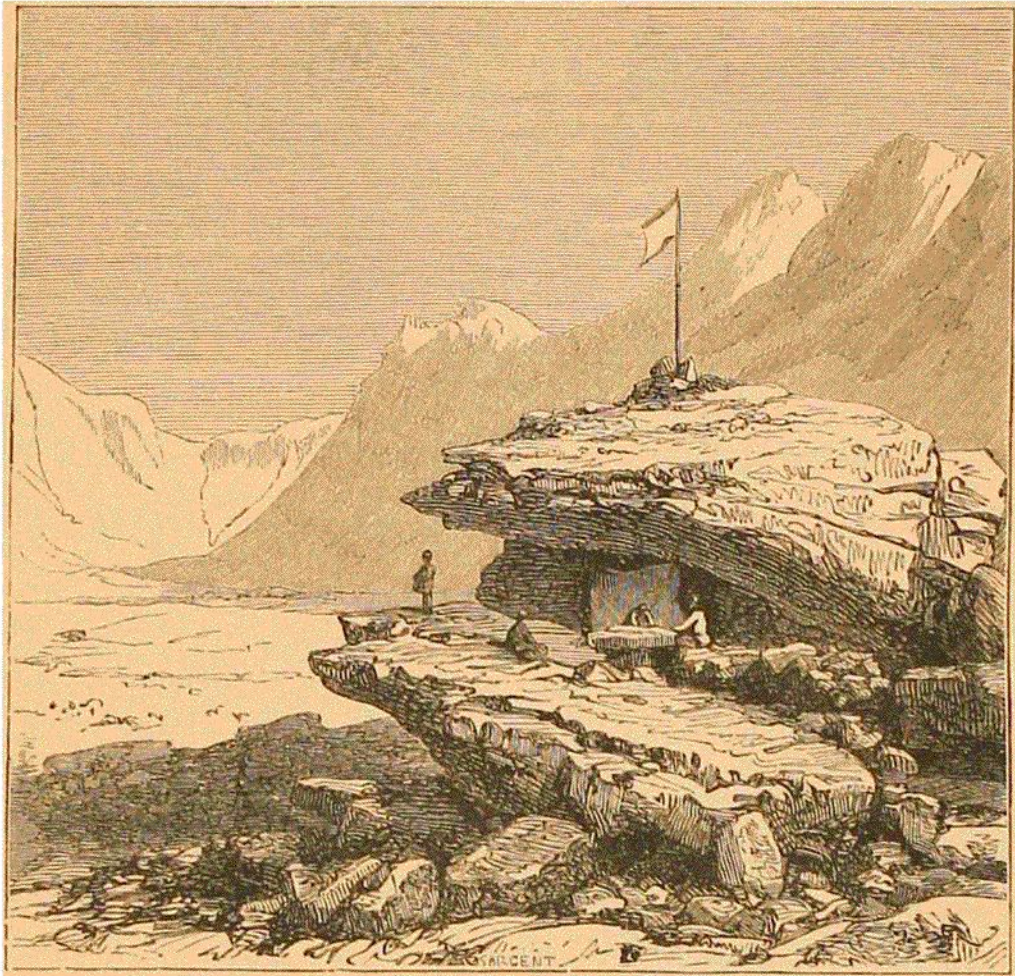


FIG. 98.—THE HOTEL DES NEUCHATELOIS.

summers in the midst of the icy regions of the Alps. He took up his abode on the glacier of the Unteraar (or Lower Aar), at a point 2120 feet above Hugi's hut, and 8850 feet above the sea-level. To shelter it, he chose, in the centre of the moraine, an enormous erratic block. Under this roof of stone M. Agassiz caused a rude dwelling to be constructed, which he designated the *Hôtel des Neuchâtelois*, and which under this name enjoyed a prolonged reputation. The kitchen was situated beneath a projecting corner of the rock; the bed-