

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS,

whose principal island, *Hawaii*, or *Owhyhee*, contains four volcanoes of awful sublimity :—Mouna Loa, Mouna Rea, Haialai, and Kohola. The first-named is about 18,000 feet, and the second about 16,000 feet, in height ; but their bases are of enormous circuit, and the ascent to the summit is consequently very gradual. The bulk of

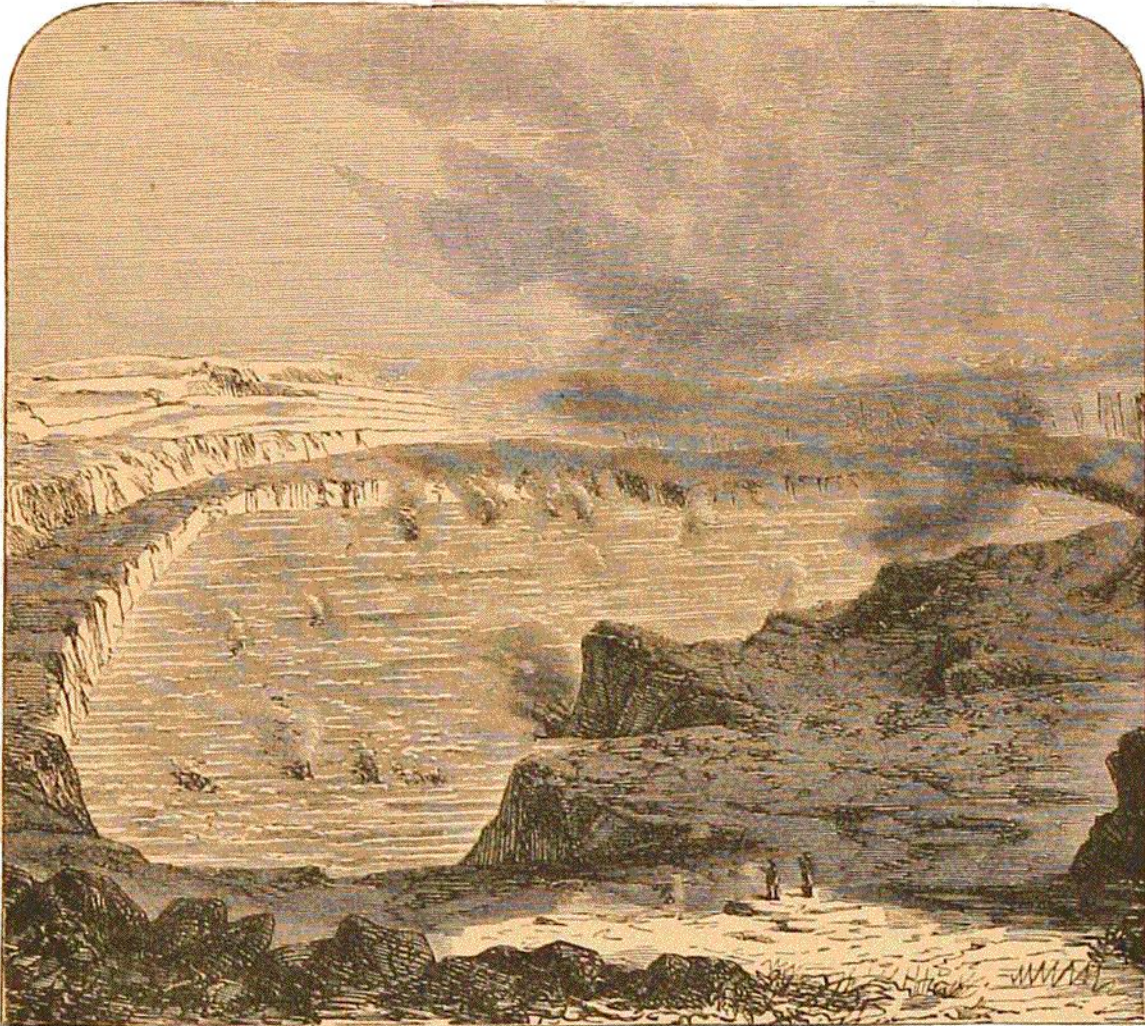


FIG. 149 —THE KILAUEA CRATER OF THE MOUNA LOA VOLCANO (HAWAII).

each is reckoned at about two and a half times that of Etna. Some of the lava-rivers ejected by them are twenty-six miles long, by two miles broad.

The characteristic feature of Mouna Loa is its possession of two distinct and apparently unconnected craters ; one on the summit, the other on the flank of the mountain, at a considerably lower level.