

The Lake of Joannina, in Greece, rendered celebrated by the adventures of Ali Pasha, communicates by a subterranean canal with the river Kalama, and in summer is reduced to a mere pond; maize is then sown in the dried-up soil.

[We shall close this chapter with an enumeration of the most remarkable lakes of the globe.

EUROPE.

The *Lakes of Switzerland* have been immortalized by poet and artist for their

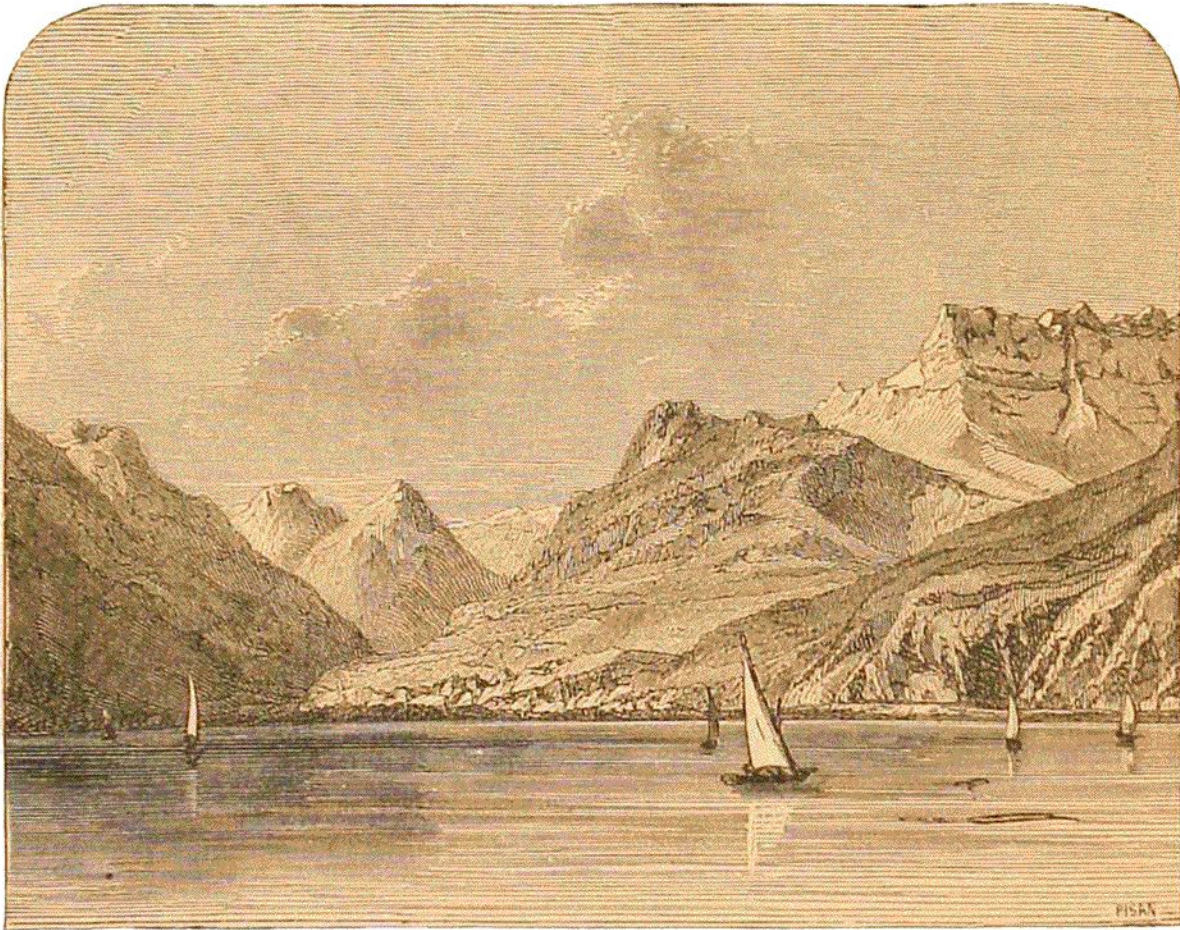


FIG. 197.—LAKE OF GENEVA (AT THE UPPER END).

picturesque beauty. Of those of Geneva, Lucerne, and Constance we have already spoken; but it is not they, perhaps, which most vividly influence the imagination or most powerfully charm the gaze. The tiny mountain-tarns, or lakelets—sleeping in the solitude of the lofty Alpine regions—on whose banks the chamois quenches its thirst, or whose glassy wave is darkened by the shadow of the lammergeyer—are invested with a wild, strange loveliness never seen in those large sheets of water whose shores are inhabited by man. We may mention as singularly romantic in scenery the little *Lake of Æschi*, near Kandersteg, in the canton of Berne, which gives birth to the Kander river. It occupies the bosom of the valley of Æschinen, is fenced round by glaciers and precipices, and mirrors on its surface the snow-crowned peaks of the Blumlis Alp.