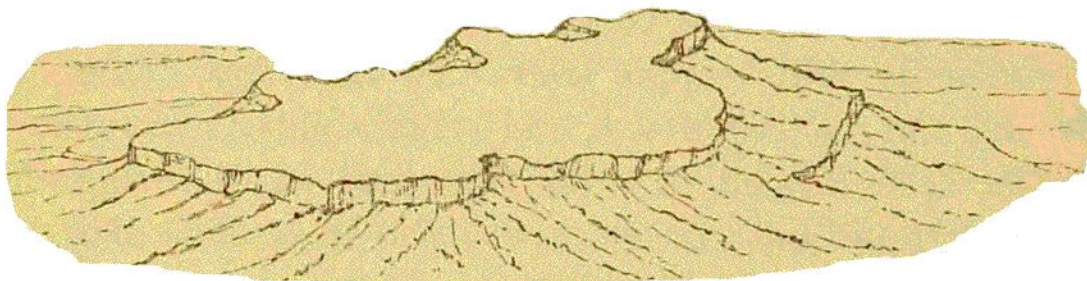


If from the Snake Inn on the Glossop road you climb the High Peak, or, as it is often called, Kinder Scout, taking Fairbrook as your route, you first pass across shales with beds of Yoredale grit, over which the water falls in tiny cascades, and at length, high on the top, the view is barred by a great cliff of rock running in a sinuous line to right and left. It consists of coarse quartzose sandstone, covered in great part by about 12 feet of peat, which in all directions is intersected by devious steep-sided water-worn channels, among which, in trying to work out a straight course, you are apt to return to the point from whence you started. If you could from a balloon look down upon it, it would

FIG. 64.



look somewhat as in fig. 64, its whole length being about 6 miles by 2 in breadth. This is the character of the country. Kinder Scout is in the centre of a long, low, anticlinal curve, and the strata lie nearly flat, while to the right and left the equivalent strata form definite scarps, dipping in opposite directions.

Where bare of peat, the surface of this little tableland is marked by numerous monumental-looking pillars of stone, sometimes undercut, which helps to show how high flat areas of such rocks are worn away by ordinary atmospheric agents. Some of these have such forms as in the following diagram, fig. 65, and I