

with which his eye travels over the landscape, nor will it in aught lessen his conviction that this great expanse of elevated moorland must at one time have been an undulating plain, and that but for the scooping out of its valleys by sub-aërial waste, it would be a great plain still. Such broad flat tops in the more easterly part of the Silurian uplands are counterparts, on a smaller scale, of those that rise so conspicuously among the eastern Grampians. Like these, they seem to remain as fragments of a once continuous table-land.



FIG. 66.—The Manor Water, seen from the top of Cademuir (1314 feet), south of Peebles.

Nor is the aspect of the valleys that wind through the north-eastern half of the uplands less characteristic. The heathy or peaty covering that often lies along the flat summits gives place to a coarse sward as the hills slope towards the streams, which they do sometimes steeply, sometimes gently, yet almost always with a smooth grassy surface, broken now and then by a scar or knob of grey rock. Where they approach each other closely, they form such narrow deep glens as those of the Talla and Manor Waters (Fig. 66), and where they are less shelving and wider apart,