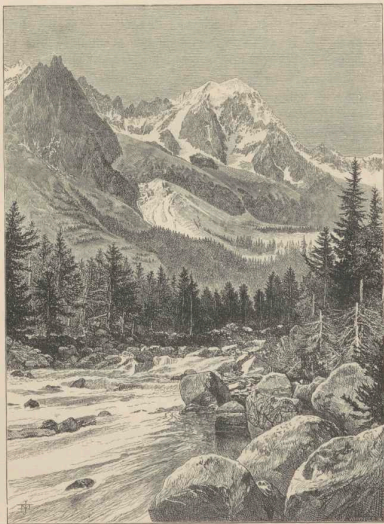


ascent we had reviled it, and had made our staircase with much caution, knowing full well that the disturbance of its base would



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bring down all that was above. In descending, the bolder spirits counselled trusting to luck and a glissade; the cautious ones advo-