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PREFACE.

The general demand for a briefer, cheaper, and more portable series of Guides to the Continent, has given rise to the *Knapsack Guide to Switzerland*. It is not merely an abridgment of the *Swiss Handbook*, but a condensed and corrected revision, containing much new matter regarding places and passes in the Alps to which Englishmen now resort, suited for persons whose time and means are limited, and who wish to take merely a rapid run across the Continent, arranged in a form very convenient for the traveller *on foot* or *by Rail*. The numbering of the routes has been retained without alteration, to enable the reader to refer to the Handbook whenever he may desire fuller information or more complete historical detail, which it is impossible to convey in a volume of such limited size.

The aim has been to make this volume as practical as possible, and to this end Plans of Towns and Districts, with slight outlines of the great Alpine Chains from different points of view, have been given to serve as diagrams by which the prominent mountain peaks may be recognised.

The *Knapsack Guide to Switzerland* will be followed immediately by others for Italy (except Rome), in 1 vol., Norway, Tyrol, &c.

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"The glaciers and the mountains have an interest for me beyond their scientific ones. They have been to me wellsprings of life and joy. They have given me royal pictures and memories which can never fade. They have made me feel in all my fibres the blessedness of perfect manhood; causing mind, and soul, and body, to work together with a harmony and strength, unqualified by infirmity or ennui." Professor Tyndall, *Mountaineering*, p. 70.

I. Passports and Custom-houses.

—The Passport system is abolished in Bavaria, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, France, Italy, Prussia, Spain, Sweden, and Norway. In all other European countries it is maintained. Notwithstanding this no English traveller should venture abroad for a journey of any length without a passport as a *proof of his nationality*. He may otherwise be marched under arrest, for miles along a hot, dusty road, to some *Sous Préfet's* residence, under the suspicion of his not being an Englishman at all. A passport can be procured at the Foreign-Office, Downing Street, by leaving or sending a letter of recommendation from any M.P., or London banker, magistrate, clergyman, solicitor, or surgeon, and calling or sending the next day for the passport, for which a fee of 2s. is charged. Persons intending to enter the Austrian States should obtain the visa of the Austrian Ambassador in London, which is given gratis at Chandos House, Cavendish Square.

The traveller should take care to procure all the visas he is even likely to want before he leaves London, as he thereby saves himself much trouble and annoyance. Those who have not time or a servant at their disposal should forward their letters of recommendation to Lee, 440, Strand, or to Dorrell and Son, 15, Charing

Cross, who for a small charge will procure the passports and visas, and will also mount the passport in a case, which some travellers prefer. For further information, see *Handbook for the Continent*, or *Handbook for France*.

Custom-houses.—The Swiss now levy import-dues only on a few bulky articles, and no examination of passengers' luggage is made on entering or leaving the country. Examinations are made on entering France, Italy, Austria, or the German States

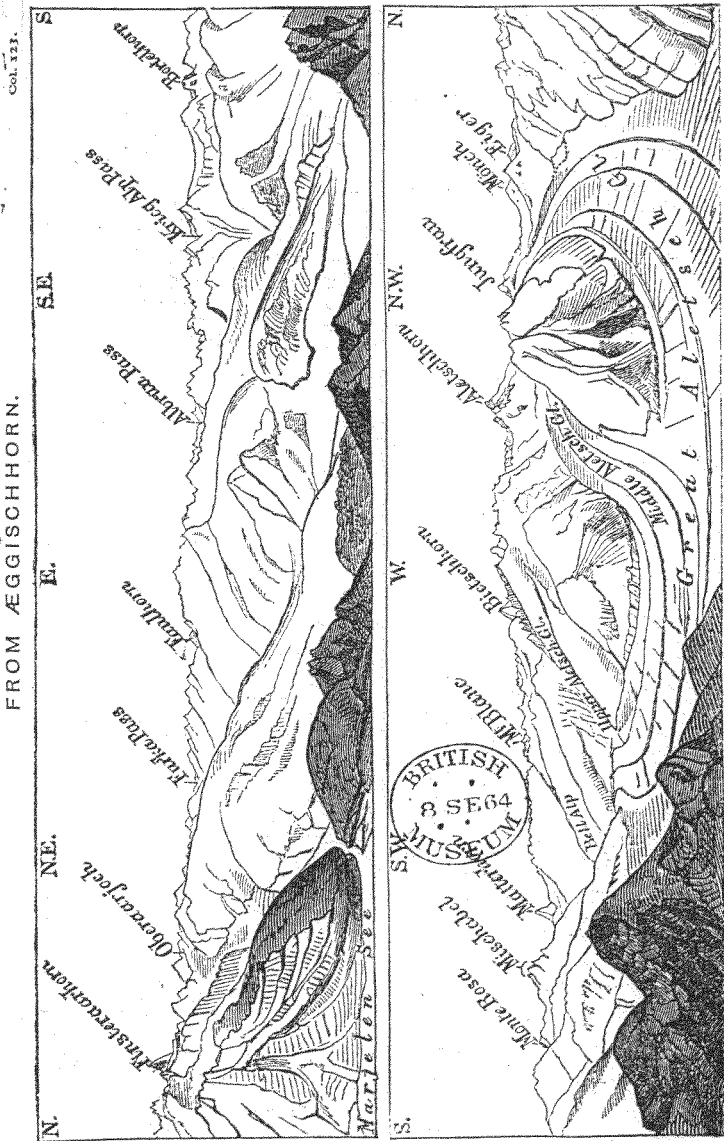
2. *Money*.—The coinage of Switzerland, by a decree of the Diet of 1850, has been reduced to conformity with that of France.

French Napoleons and francs, current all over Switzerland, are the best money the traveller can take with him; but English sovereigns and bank-notes are usually taken at inns throughout Switzerland and on the Italian lakes, at a value of 25 francs.

A convenient method of taking money is by circular notes issued by Coutts and Co., Herries and Co., the London and Westminster Bank, and other banks, payable at all the large towns in Europe, and changed at many of the more frequented country inns in Switzerland. They may be procured for any sum from 10l. upwards.

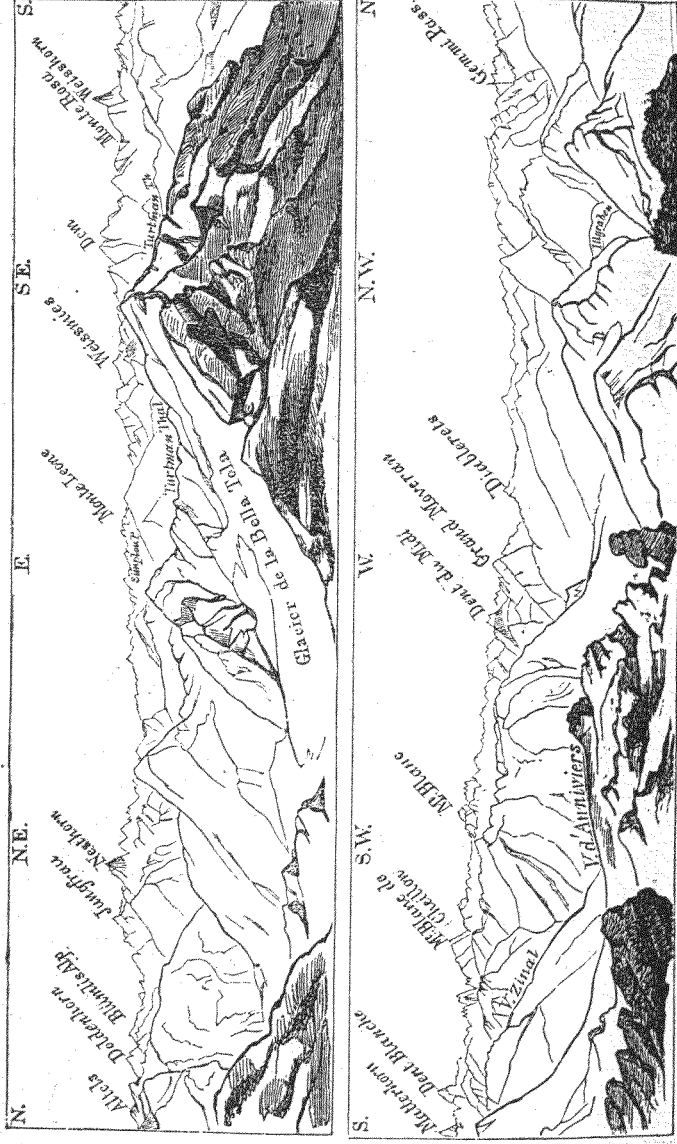
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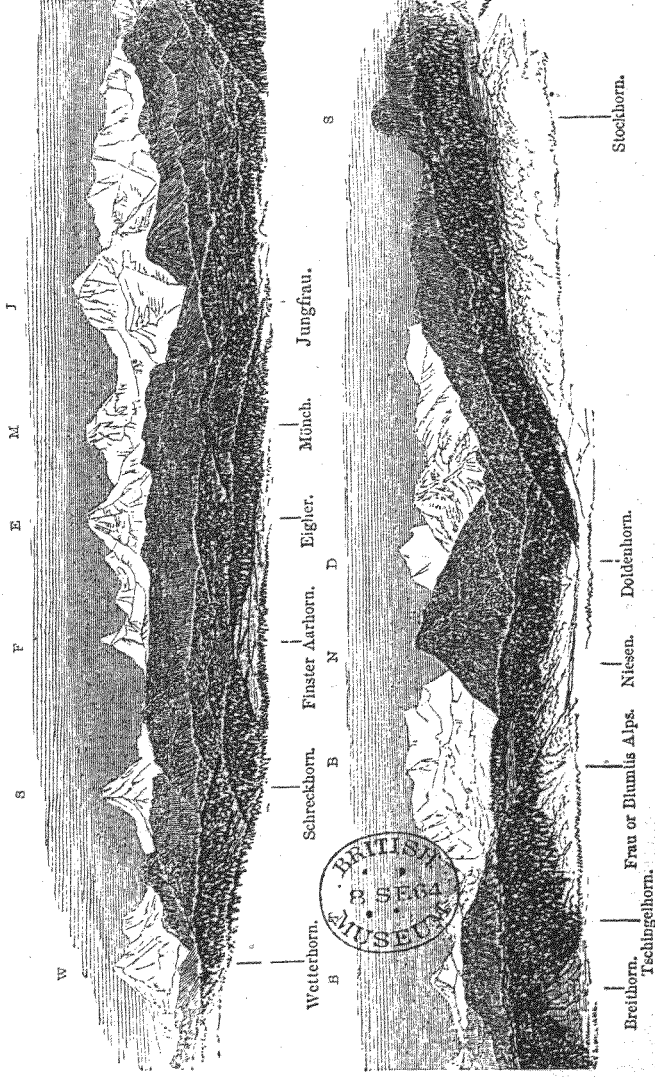
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