

suddenly, then came ^{in the direction} from the ~~the~~ Donner der Gorge a crash - as of fishbone
thunder - and when I looked up - I saw the cloud close - as it were
by the avalanche itself - and whose white ~~the~~ lightning-like stream
fell bounding down the eastern slope of the mountain - like slow lightning
~~out of~~ The vapour parted before its fall - pierced by the
whirlwind of its motion - the gap widened - the dark shade
melted away on either side - and like a risen spirit casting off its
garment of corruption - and flushed with eternity of life - The aiguille
of the South ~~looked~~ ^{rose} through the black foam of the storm cloud
one by one - pyramid above pyramid - the mighty range of its
companion - shook off their ~~coasted~~ shrouds & took to themselves their
glory - all fire - no shade - no dunnets - ~~all was ice~~ - thin pier
down of snow - wedges of rock - all burning - fire to the height of
the mist sank into the hollows of the creeps - and pierced through
the very fissures of the glaciers - and dwelt within them - as it does
in clouds - The ponderous storm withered and moaned beneath
them - the presto waisted & waved in the evening wind - the
steep river flashed & leaped along the valley - but the mighty
pyramids stood calmly - in the very heart of the high heaven -
~~as great as its base~~ - a celestial city with walls of emeralds
& gates of gold - filled with the light & clothed with the Peace of God
And then I learned - what ^{all things} I had not known before - the real
meaning of the word Beautiful. With all that I had ever seen
before - there had come amongst the associations of humanity - the
sense of ~~renewal~~ ^{creation} of human power - the action of human mind.
The image of self had not been effaced in that of God. It was
then only that I learned how - thought itself may become ignoble
and energy itself become lost - when compared with the
absorption of soul & spirit - the prostration of all power - & the
cessation of all will - before & in the Presence of the manifested
Deity. It was then only that I understood ^{that} how to become nothing