

the apex of elevation of the continent, it is to this we shall first direct the reader's attention.

In the accompanying chart is given a comparative view of the loftiest summits of the mountain-chains of Europe. In the sub-joined Table we have indicated their situation and exact height in English feet :—

NAME.	LOCALITY.	ABOVE THE SEA-LEVEL. ENGLISH FEET.
Mont Blanc,	Pennine Alps,	15,789
Monte Rosa,	Lepontine Alps,	15,210
Mont Cervin,	Pennine Alps,	14,836
Finsteraarhorn,	Bernese Alps,	14,026
Jungfrau,	Bernese Alps,	13,672
Mont Combin,	Pennine Alps,	14,124
Monte Viso,	Cottian Alps,	13,599
Ortler Spitz,	Rhætian Alps,	13,150
Great Glockner,	Noric Alps,	12,700
Mulhacen,	Spain,	11,483
Malahite Peak,	Pyrenees,	11,168
Mont Perdu,	Pyrenees,	10,994
Maboré, Cylinder of,	Pyrenees,	10,899
Maladetta,	Pyrenees,	10,886
Etna (Volcanic),	Island of Sicily,	10,874
Monte Rotondo,	Corsica,	8,767
Pic de Sancy,	France,	6,188
Monte Corno,	Apennines,	9,521
Mount Guiona,	Greece,	8,538
Mount Parnassus,	Greece,	8,568
Ruska Poyana,	Carpathians,	9,912
Budosch,	Transylvania,	9,593
Riesenkoppe,	Riesenbirge (Germany),	5,394
Skaglöttend,	Scandinavian Mountains,	8,101
Schneehattan,	Scandinavian Mountains,	8,120
Koldetind,	Scandinavian Mountains,	7,224
Ben Nevis,	Scotland (Inverness-shire),	4,375
Ben MacDhui,	Scotland (Aberdeenshire),	4,296
Cairn Toul,	Scotland (Aberdeenshire),	4,223
Ben Avon,	Scotland (Aberdeenshire),	3,931
Ben More,	Scotland (Grampians),	3,819
Snowdon,	Wales (Caernarvonshire),	3,557
Cader Idris,	Wales (Merionethshire),	3,550
Cross Fell,	England (Cumberland),	3,383
Helvellyn,	England (Cumberland),	3,313
Skiddaw,	England (Cumberland),	3,038
Curran Tual,	Ireland (Kerry),	3,412
Mount Rona,	Shetland Isles,	3,593
Snæfjeld,	Iceland,	5,115
Hecla (Volcanic),	Iceland,	3,324
Vesuvius (Volcanic),	Naples,	4,257*
Stromboli (Volcanic),	Lipari Islands,	3,100

* [This is the estimate formed by Professor Palmieri in 1868.]