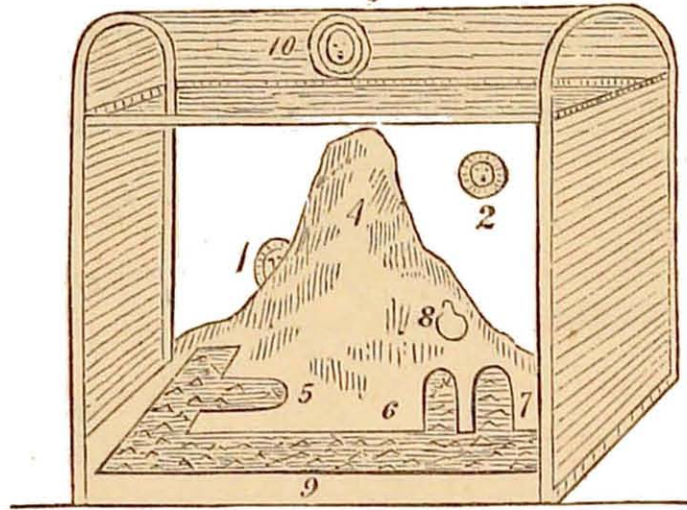


Fig. 115.

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THE HEAVENS AND EARTH OF COSMAS.\*  
(Sectional View.)

The cosmogony of Cosmas was also that of the doctors of Salamanca ; and the views of Columbus were denounced as heterodox because they failed to conform to it. Such was one of the earlier mistakes of the theologians. When merely told regarding the authorship of the chronometer, they held that they had been told also respecting the mechanism of the chronometer. Attaching literal meanings to what we now recognise as merely poetic or oratorical figures, they believed that not only was it revealed to them that God had created the heavens and earth, but also that He had created the earth in the form of an extended plain, and placed a semi-globular heavens over it, just as one places a semi-globular case of glass over a piece of flower-plot or a miniature thicket of fern. And how, I ask, was this error ultimately corrected? Simply by that science of the geographer which demonstrates

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| <p>* 1. The sun occident.<br/>2. The sun orient.<br/>3. The heavens.<br/>4. Great mountain behind which the sun is hidden when it is night.<br/>5. The Mediterranean Sea.</p> | <p>6. Red Sea.<br/>7. Persian Gulf.<br/>8. Garden of Eden.<br/>9. Great surrounding ocean.<br/>10. The Creator looking down upon his work, and seeing that all was good.</p> |
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