

were all prepared, but when the imp tried to entwine them, each gave way, and hence the broken part of the kames have remained to this day. Michael seems to have had no small amount of work in altering the surface of the country. There is a deep gash through a sandy ridge at the south end of the Pentland Hills, and not far off stands a green conical sand-hill. The wizard is said to have dug the trench and piled up the hill in the course of a single night. It was he too that

‘Cleft the Eildon Hills in three,
And bridled the Tweed with a curb of stone.’

Throughout the south of Scotland, the more obtrusive minor features of the scenery are often traced up to the agency of Michael Scott and his band of witches and warlocks. Fanciful and sometimes grotesque as these legends are, they are yet interesting, inasmuch as they indicate the prominence of the phenomena, and the difficulty of accounting for them by any of the common operations of nature.

In the Midland Valley many excellent examples of kames are to be found. One of the best districts is that through which the Caledonian Railway passes between the Cobbinshaw Reservoir and Carstairs. Another extends up the valley of the Clyde to Symington Junction. A third may be seen from the railway in going from Bridge of Allan to Perth: vast mounds of sand and gravel are there piled up on the low watershed between Greenloaning and Auchterarder.

That the kames are connected in some way with the action of ice is shown by the fact that they disappear as we advance southward from Scotland through the northern counties of England, and by the occurrence of occasional striated stones in them, and of large boulders lying upon