

ledge overhanging a lake! They have been well called the "children of the air."

Above the *pasture region* rises the *rocky region*; and this goes up to the crest of the mountain which, on the higher peaks, is



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covered all the year round with masses of mingled snow and ice, called glaciers. These glaciers are perhaps the most remarkable feature of the Alps, some of them being of such vast extent as to invade the largest valleys for a long distance. These great