

tains. What a valley! Nearly 3,500 feet above the sea level, fifteen miles in length, three-quarters of a mile wide, flanked by the mountains on both sides, with the Arve flowing down its centre. Down from the Mont Blanc chain sweep numerous

CLIMBING MONT BLANC—CROSSING A SNOW-FIELD.



glaciers, pushing down even below the line of pine forest which skirts the mountain-side. The eye follows the gleaming glacier up and up, until it loses the course of the river of ice among the winding defiles of the mountains. Some of the peaks shoot up