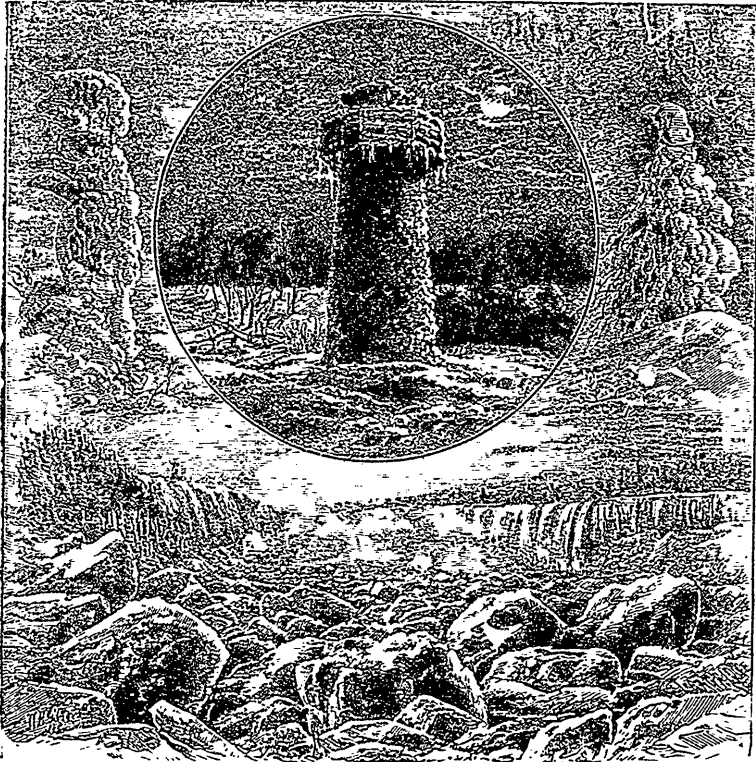


Comparatively few persons are aware of the scenes of surpassing beauty presented by the cataract of Niagara in winter. Its appearance is then even more attractive and glorious than in the summer.

The trees are covered with the most brilliant and sparkling coruscations of snow and ice; the islands, the shrubs, the giant



NIAGARA IN WINTER.

rocks, are robed in the same spotless vesture. Frozen spray, glittering and gleaming as brightly and vivaciously as frozen sunlight, encases all things. Niagara Falls is the absolute domain of the Ice King. In bright sunshine, the flashing rays from millions of gems produce a bewitching effect. At such a moment, the characteristic attributes of Niagara seem fused and heightened into "something more exquisite still." Its sublimity and beauty experience a transfiguration. Nature is