

leading down from the surrounding mountains and uniting to form the main stream, which leaves the region of perpetual frost and con-

Along the edge of each stream is a dark ridge, formed by the rock fragments that have been broken off from frost and the

THE GREAT ALETSCHEE GLACIER, SHOWING MORAINES.



tinues down the valley into the midst of trees and grass-covered meadows, where flowers bloom, even at the very foot of the glacier.

weight of the superincumbent snow. These piles of rock are called moraines. Where two glacial streams come together, the