

ceeded ; and no wonder, for our first regular halt was made at a point three thousand feet above the level of the sea.

The last stage to the Curral is made on foot, and a regular scramble it is, hands and knees being both at work. At last you come to a stand-still, and panting with fatigue, lie down to gaze on what must appear to all one of the loveliest scenes in nature. I thought of fairy cars which bear you far away into worlds beyond the clouds, a simile by no means so unreasonable, as we had actually passed through a belt of clouds, and lost sight of the southern side of the island, before we attained the height of the Curral.

At first, all is wonderful, and on so grand a scale, but at the same time so confusedly heaped, as it were, together, that you gaze as at a vision in dreamland. You look over a perpendicular wall of rock two thousand feet down into a valley of the most indescribable green, from which rise sharp, jagged peaks of rock, five or six thousand feet high, while be-