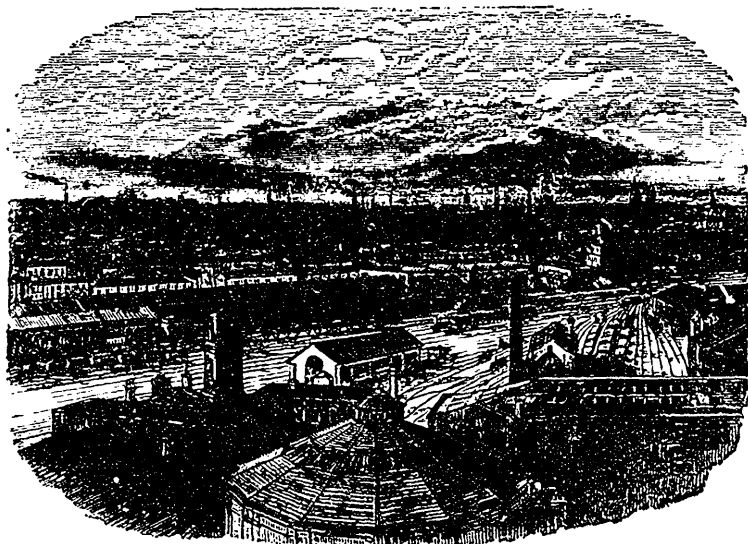


—a stupendous monument of one of the past revolutions of the globe, with its arches of rifted rock, teeming with mineral veins, and resting on a central mound of molten rock, now cooled down.”

Soon we leave the steep and rugged hills overhung with woods, “the southern outliers” of the mountain range known as the backbone of England, and enter the quieter valleys that bear us to the south.

Derby is the central station of the Midland Railway system, and the seat of its administration. Several thousand people are employed in the engineering works. It is also a great centre of communication between north and south, east and west.



DERBY.

At Borrowash some interesting discoveries were made. On an elevated spot, and about two feet below the surface, the soil had a black tinge; bones that had evidently been burnt, were found; and then some seventy or eighty human skeletons were exhumed, some of them being of gigantic stature, and lying due east and west. In one of the skulls was the head of an arrow. A curious box, lined with gold, and containing amulets and jewels, some ornaments, and a small vase, with the bones of a bird, were also discovered, besides the burnt bones of oxen, sheep and boars. It is believed there was here a British *tumulus*, or barrow, the place deriving its name from “the ashes of the Barrow.”

We cross the river Trent by a bridge of three arches, each of one hundred feet span, and enter the tunnel, shown in our cut.