

revolted as he heard the hammers of the Italian workmen drive bolt and nail into the hitherto impregnable sides of his rocky prison.

All who have set eyes on this mountain, from the lovely Lake of the Four Cantons, know what a form of indescribable grandeur it thrusts up into the sky; and those who have resided for any length of time at Lucerne know also how his sheer cliffs give

character to the neighbourhood, and what a protective attitude is assumed by the great rocky shoulders rearing themselves heavenward over the quiet little town.

Mount Pilatus is composed of limestone rocks, and the fact that these are in many places full of remains of marine organisms is evident that it was originally formed layer by layer under the waters of a great ocean. Now the strata have been folded and twisted together in a most inextricable fashion, and worn and weathered by frost, rain and sun, they have crumbled



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away and assumed their wildest shapes of unearthly desolation for which the mountain is so famous.

It was up this mountain, then, that a railway was to be built, and, in spite of all difficulties, it *was* built, and that in two short summers. It was only to be expected that the engineers would find the gravest difficulties in their path.

"It is probable," says a writer on the subject, "that a railway has seldom been built under more peculiar circumstances, the steep and rugged