

is covered with luxuriant grass, which affords pasture for a few cattle. The entire façade of the island, the arches and flooring of the caves, strangely resemble architectural designs. The whole island may be said to be honey-combed with these grottoes ; but the chief marvels are on the eastern side, where those scenes are displayed which have long been the theme of painters' pencils and poets' pens. The special wonder is Fingal's Cave,



FINGAL'S CAVE.

the sides and front of which are formed of perpendicular basaltic columns. The arch is 70 feet high and supports a roof thirty feet thick. The chasm extends in length 230 feet. Mere dimensions, however, can give no idea of the weird effect produced by the twilight gloom, half revealing the varying sheen of the reflected light ; the echo of the measured surge as it rises