

sharp and jagged through the ice and snow which rest upon their shoulders, and lift their bare heads to heaven; others are clothed with snow to the very top, and gleam most gloriously white. Sunrise on Mont Blanc next morning was superb, not a cloud interfered with the grand spectacle. At first I was disappointed with Mont Blanc itself. Its white dome did not seem so lofty as some surrounding peaks. But one gradually measures the distance better, and the great mountain seems every moment to be farther off and higher up, until with its snowy, spotless summit, glorious in the sunlight, which has not yet penetrated to the valley, it seems to fairly draw you off your feet heavenward—so lofty, so pure, so far from human sin and sorrow, so near heaven, so like God in His majesty it seems.

But time fails to rehearse the oft-told tale of Alpine wonders, beauties and glory. Over the Tête Noire to Martigny, up the Rhone Valley to Brieg, over the Simplon Pass into lovely Italy; back by the St. Gothard, up the lake of Lucerne, once more to Lucerne, and thence out of Switzerland by Zurich and the Bodensee—such a trip in the land of cloud, and rock, and lake, and glacier, is more than recreation, it is inspiration. A page cannot describe it, nor could a volume.

Well may the Swiss, with patriotic pride, point to the mighty mountains and gratefully exclaim: "Das Haus der Freiheit hat uns Gott gegründet!"

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BREAK, mighty sea, upon thy silvery shore!
Thy voice to me sounds of the evermore.

In foam-edged flatness waste thy giant power,
Thy wrath is but the creature of an hour;
A calm, a storm, a tempest, all is o'er.

But can the wounded heart forget its sore,
As lightly as the sands the ocean's roar,
Its surf wreaths and its storm-swept showers?
Break, mighty sea!

Break, mighty sea, and let thy voice adore
The Hand that tempests make and calm restore;
That Hand can heal the wounds that grief devour,
And guard the soul-like castellated tower.
Forget and rest, oh, heart, forevermore!
Break, mighty sea!