

whitish, close, and tough texture ; the bark is rough ; the branches extend horizontally, with a gentle upward inclination, and the cone is large and very compact. It was long thought by travellers that this clump contained the only survivors of the ancient historical trees : but the same kind have been seen at a few other points on the mountains, though they do not seem so old. The whole region undoubtedly once abounded in them ; hence the expression, 'shall shake like Lebanon,' referring to the rustling of these giant trees when, as a vast forest, they covered the whole mountain."



CAVE AND FALLS OF ADONIS.

Some of the grandest scenery, with the most romantic associations, is on the slopes of Mount Lebanon. One of these spots is the source of the famous Adonis River, shown in our cut on this page. It bursts forth in great volume from a dark cave about one thousand feet below the summit of Mount Sunnin. This is traditionally the scene of the death of the well-beloved of Venus by the tusks of a wild boar, since which time the water at certain seasons is said to run purple to the sea. This is easily explained