

BAYARD TAYLOR'S DESCRIPTION OF VESUVIUS.

THE LAST ERUPTION OF VESUVIUS.

NAPLES, January 7th, 1868.

A fresh wind came from the sea and lifted the curtain, and we beheld Vesuvius again in full activity. The smoke was blown northward, behind the foremost peak of Monte Somma, leaving the summit of the cone perfectly clear, and the jets of fire thrown up from it were so brilliantly defined against a background of pitch-dark cloud that we could see the falling stones (from our window in Naples) with the naked eye. By the aid of a strong field-glass, the wonderful spectacle was brought so near that all its features could be observed.

The top of the cone resembled a shallow basin with chipped and cracked edges, and the opening of the crater lay behind it, apparently at some depth. Out of it and around it poured a steady glow, from the stream of lava running over the further side and descending toward the Atrio del Cavallo. But at intervals of not more than half a minute, there were thrown up columnar jets of intensest flames to a height varying from 100 to 200 feet. Volumes of smoke, dull vermilion at first, but soon fading to a dark ash-color, rolled off the leeward side of those fiery pillars, as they rose and whirled away, broadening into the darkness. What seemed to be pure, solid fire, as it issued from the crater, changed into a thousand scarlet sparks, which turned outward on all sides in a sheaf-like form, and showered down again into and beyond the crater. I could roughly estimate the height of the jet by the time which the stones occupied in falling. Some of them were evidently of enormous size.

Next day the top of the mountain was hooded in a smoke, and for 24 hours my observations were very fragmentary and imperfect. But on the morning of the third the cone was again clear, and I saw two lines of dense white steam rising as from fissures in the side towards Naples. They were not fissures, however, but rivers of lava, which had burst forth from a new crater opened a little below the summit. Their rapid march downward was very apparent; the guides have since said that they reached the base of the great cone of Vesuvius in three hours. The black promontory created by the lava of 1858, then hid the stream from view for a time, and provoking clouds descended upon the mountain. When night came, the molten streams made themselves visible. I can only compare them to forked streaks of lightning caught and held permanently in their place. The color was as intensely transparent and dazzling as that of the jets from the crater. There was a single stream from the outlet, which parted on the shoulder of the cone, descended in two irregular, wavy lines, and met again just before reaching the bottom. On either side of these veins of fire were occasional detached sparkles, where the lava, after having crawled for some distance under the ashes and scorice, was forced again to the surface. Sometimes a stronger flood from above made these hidden threads visible, and attached them to the main currents, whereupon other and similar fountains would gush up at a little further distance.

Having reached the base of the great cone (a distance of about a mile,) the lava encountered obstacles and marched more slowly. I came upon the bed of 1858, which threw up a great mound in front, now serving as a breakwater, and forcing the stream both to the right and left for some distance before it could find outlets to the lower slopes to the mountain. Late in the evening we saw the fire appear at the top of the deep ravine which opens below the Astronomical Observatory, but it did not seem to advance further. The next evening we could see that it had made considerable progress, and that a branch had gone off to the right toward Torre del Greco. The left-hand branch, however, was much the stronger, and had become threatening in its aspect. With a glass I could observe the fall of portions of the burning mass down the declivities of the old lava. It seemed that a day or two more of the same progress would bring it to the edge of the cultivated land.

On the evening of the 5th there appeared to be a diminution in the outflow from the crater. The right-hand stream had almost ceased, and nearly the whole body of lava was pressing down the ravine partly filled by the eruption of 1858. The weather up to this time had been so stormy and changeable, that we had little prospect of a remunerative ascent

of the mountain. Yesterday we went to Resina to have a nearer view, and make inquiries of the guides. It was too late for a deliberate trip, though Dr. Bellows set out before we left, and two or three parties of Americans passed us on the return to Naples.

Mounting between gardens of orange and lemon trees, clumps of cactus, glossy carob trees, and vineyards of Lacryma Christi vines, we reached the limit of the cultivated fields in three-quarters of an hour. The entire Bay of Naples, from the Cape of Minerva to Ischia, was constantly in sight below us. The ragged black crests of the lava fields of 1858, which had been in sight since leaving the suburbs of Resina, now gloomed close at hand, and the path, winding around a spur of the mountain, struck at last across the surface.

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