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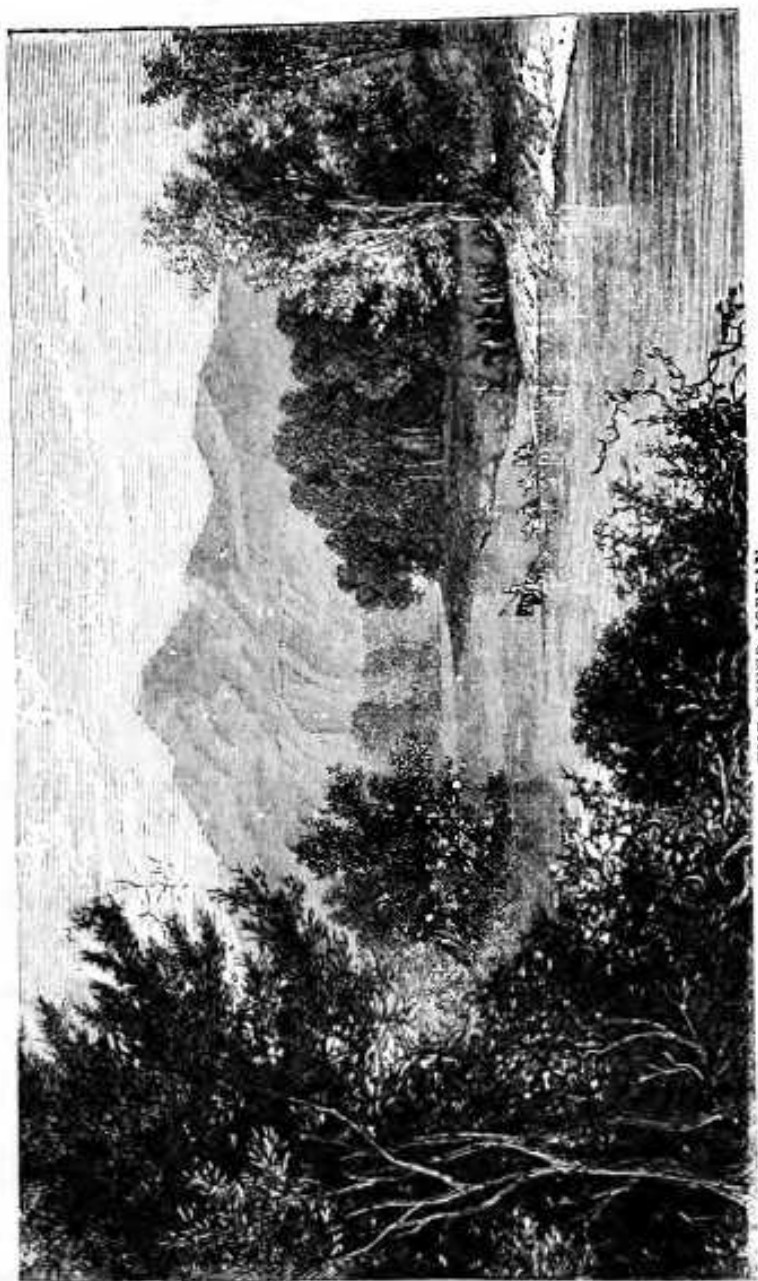
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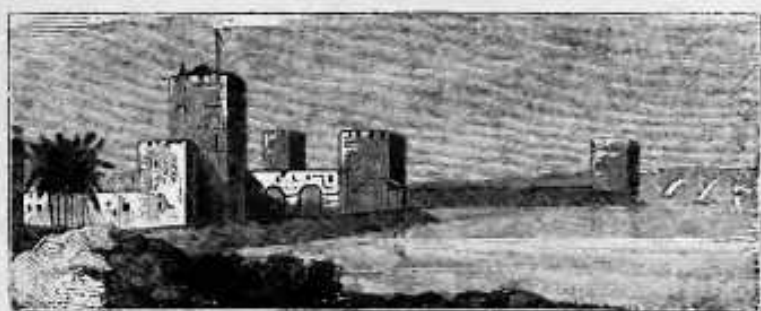
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I.

First Impressions.

GENESIS XXV.

“One adequate support  
For the calamities of mortal life  
Exists—one only ; an assured belief  
That the procession of our fate, how'er  
Sad or disturbed, is ordered by a Being  
Of Infinite benevolence and power ;  
Whose everlasting purposes embrace  
All accidents, converting them to good.”

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