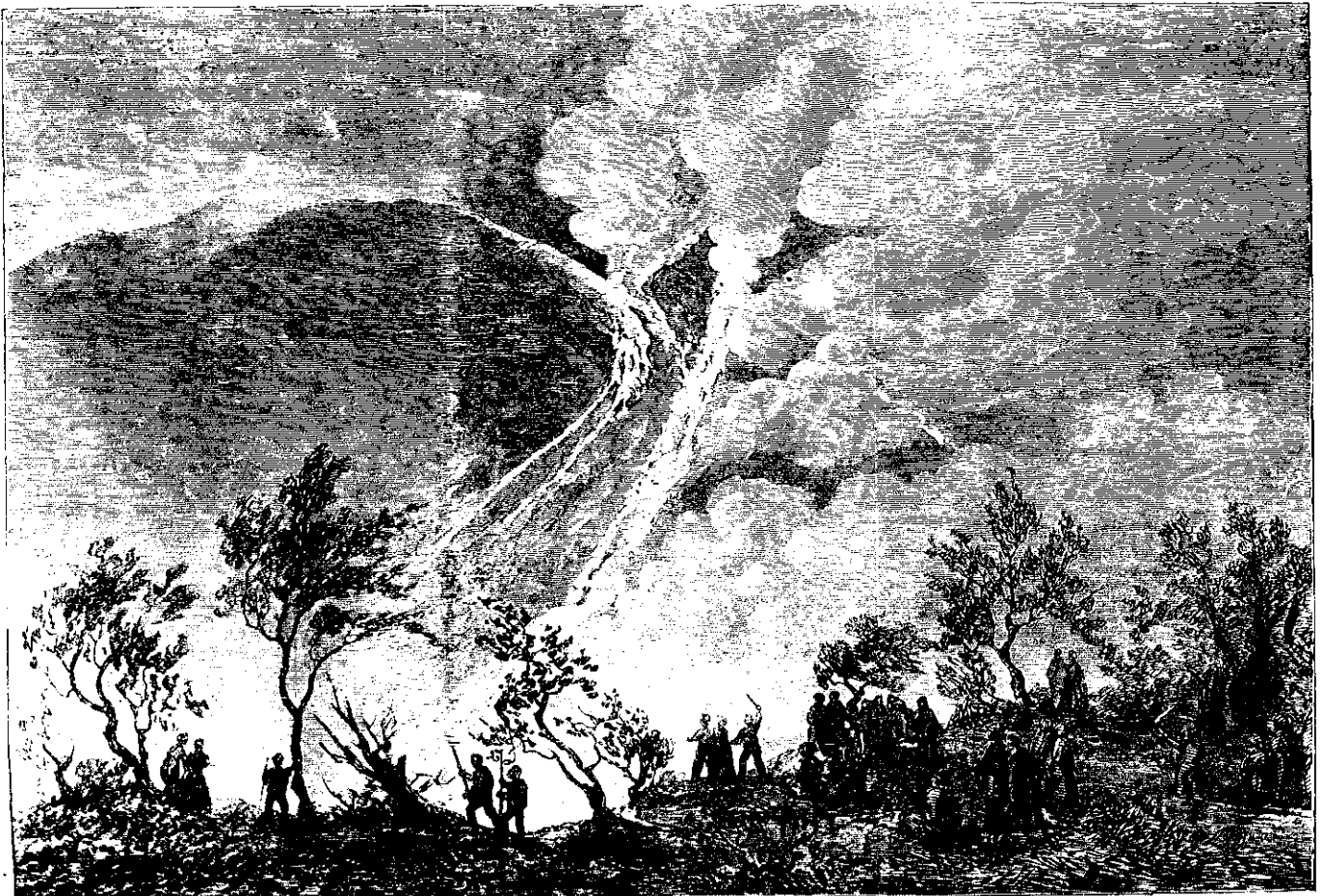


THE MOUTH OF HELL.

"At last we came to the edge of a cascade of fire, over which the burning stream of lava from the mountain precipitated itself into the abyss below. A plain of burning coke, some 200 feet wide, was moving on before our eyes, almost touching our feet, until, accumulating in large masses, over it thundered into the valley below. Down, down, down, we watched the red line in the distance, burning and destroying everything it met with." (From an account of an eye witness.)



THE MOUNTAIN FROM BELOW.

Historical Volcanic Outbursts.—The Eruption of Vesuvius in 1855.