



LANDING GOODS ON THE RUGGED COAST.



AT A POINT WHERE THE ERUPTION WAS FIERCEST.



SOME OF THE THIRTY VOLCANOES WHICH EXTEND OVER THREE MILES IN LENGTH.

WHERE VOLCANOES ARE ACTIVE—OUTBREAKS ON NIUAFOU, IN THE TONGAN GROUP.

It was recently reported that serious volcanic disturbances, extending over a large area, had occurred on the Island of Niuafoou, in the Tongan Group, eastward of Fiji. Thirty volcanoes, extending over three miles, were in eruption, but gradually the number dwindled down, the latest advice stating that while the lay of the country has been considerably altered, no great damage was done. Niuafoou is a volcanic island, nearly circular, and the centre, an old crater, is occupied by a large lagoon in which are hot springs. Severe eruptions took place in 1853, 1867, 1880, and 1887. The inhabitants are all natives with the exception of three Europeans.

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