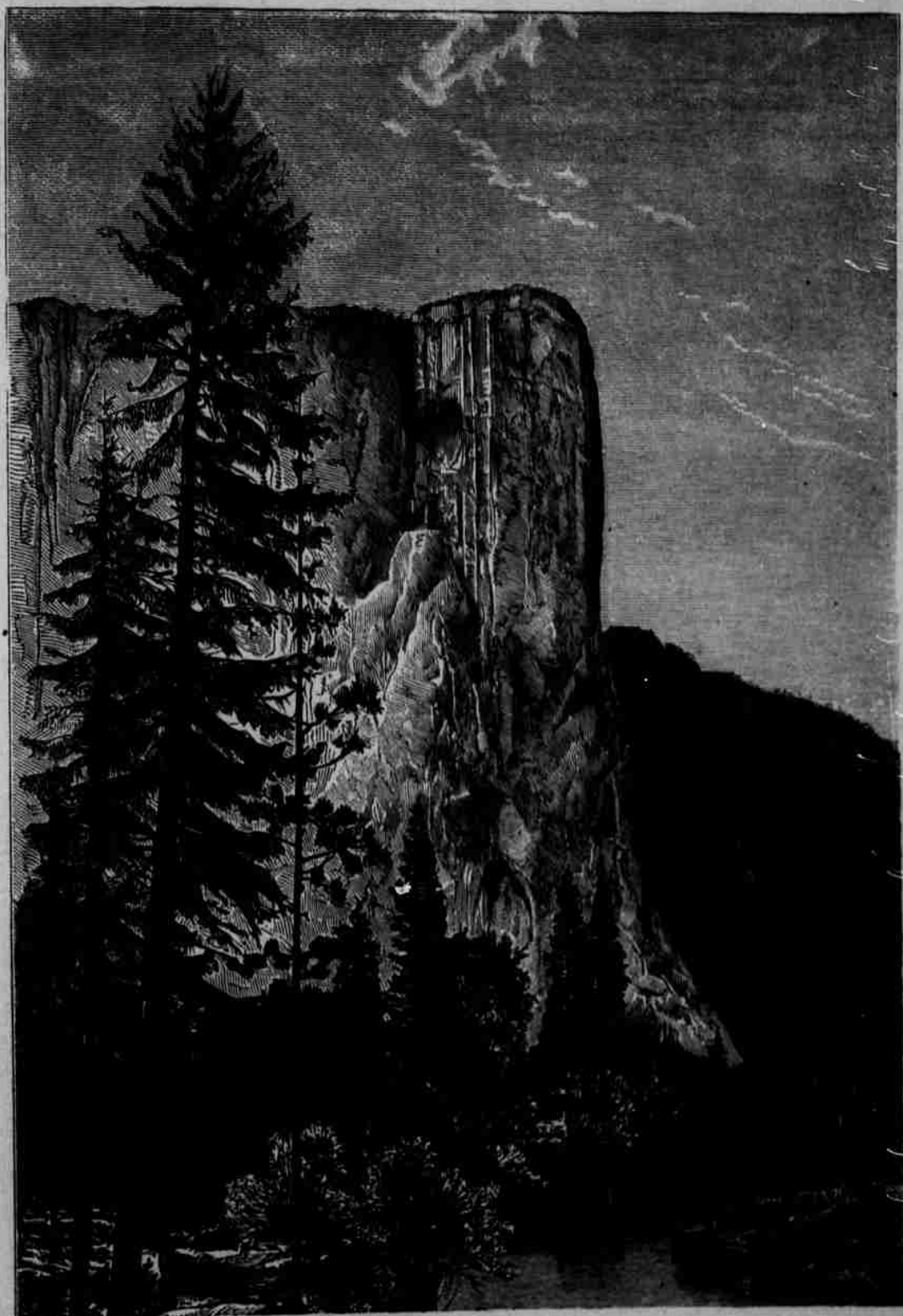


## EL CAPITAN.

Of all the imposing objects which Nature has grouped in the world-famous Yosemite Valley, there is none whose

ing at its base. By the Indians it was called Tu-tock-ah-nu-lah, and with it is associated a legend about the creation of the valley, of which Tu-tock-ah-nu-lah was the great chief and guardian spirit. The legend says:



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outlines linger in the memory like those of El Capitan. This vast perpendicular mass of rock stands near the lower end of the valley, on the left bank of the Merced, while ascending, and is 3,300 feet above the stream glid-

“ But that the Yo-Semites might never forget him, with the hunting knife in his bold hand, he carved the outlines of his noble head upon the face of the rock that bears his name.” El Capitan (the Captain) is the Spanish title.