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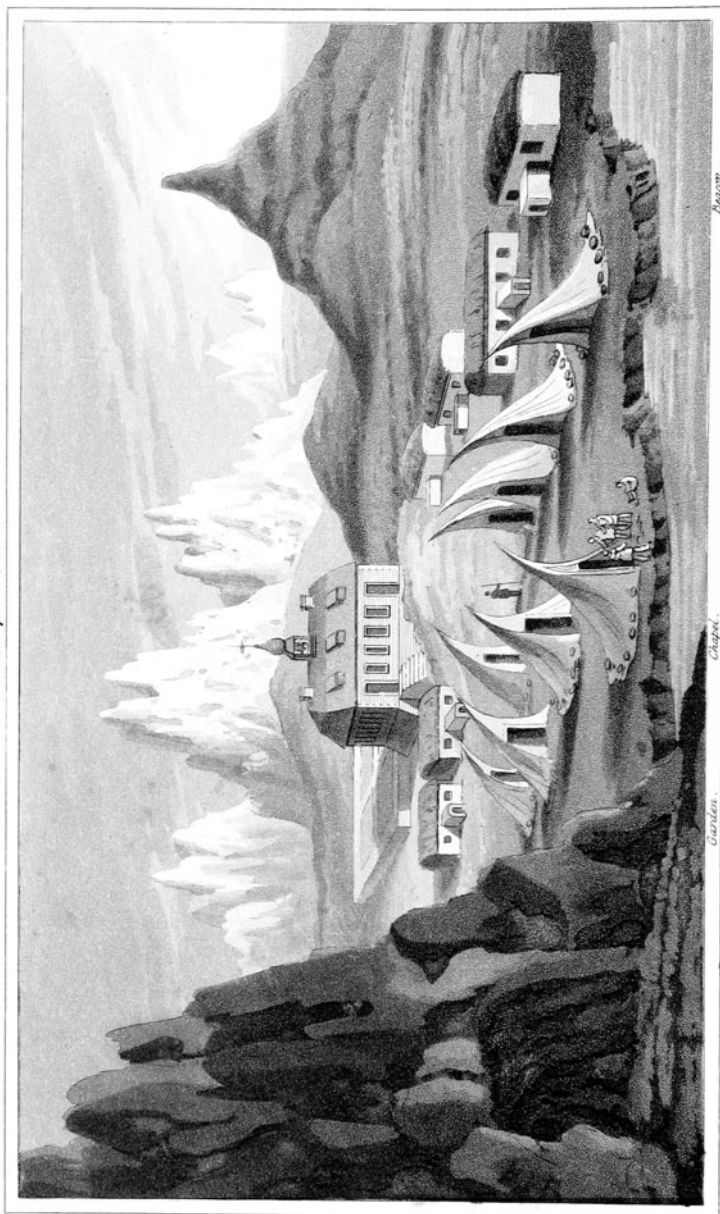
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A theme to which a lyre was never strung,
Barbarian hordes, by Satan's craft enthral'd,
From chains to freedom, guilt to glory call'd;
The deeds of men, unfriended and unknown,
Sent forth by Him who loves and saves his own,
With faithful toil a barren land to bless,
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