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In the year 1890 Dr. Janssen visited the first observatory, and in spite of emphatic warnings from Vallot, who pointed out that one cannot "establish anything on a glacier or upper mountain snowfield," conceived and persisted in the notion of erecting, on the edge of public belief, a meteorological observatory on the mountain snow of the summit itself. By the inter-mediation of M. Eiffel, M. Vallot most generously housed the engineers and workmen whom Dr. Janssen engaged, and the observatory was actually constructed on the summit in 1893, to the great disgust of the members of the Alpine Club. No sooner was it completed, than it began to sink. It comprised two storeys and was 23 ft. high, with a little turret 6 ft. high carrying a staircase, to give access to an outside observing plat-