



Pair of charts comparing geographic features of each hemisphere

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A Comparative View of the Principal Waterfalls, Islands, Lakes, Rivers and Mountains, in the Western Hemisphere. [&] A Comparative View of the Principal Waterfalls, Islands, Lakes, Rivers and Mountains, in the Eastern Hemisphere.

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Two plates showing comparative illustrations of geographical features in each hemisphere, within decorative borders. In the Eastern Hemisphere the highest mountain is stated as Dhaulagiri, now counted as the seventh highest; a small balloon marks the altitude reached by Joseph Louis Gay-Lussac in 1804. In the Western Hemisphere the tallest is 'Nevada de Sorata' (Nevado Illampu), now known to be only the fourth highest mountain in Bolivia. Aconcagua, the actual highest, is only ranked third.

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