



Fig. 120. THE UJ HALF FINISHED.

huts. Here I will simply repeat the native names for the different parts of the dwelling. The entire house is called *uj*; the vertical posts for the walls are *turkuk*; the horizontal beams against which the bundles of kamisch are fastened, *korsak*; *beldang*, the joists which support the roof; *baraj*, the spars which lie upon the last-named, and at right angles to them; *targhak-jaghatsch*, narrower joists lying parallel to the *beldangs*; *kalkan*, the beam which crowns the top of the wall and supports the joists; and *tungluk*, the square opening in the roof for the smoke to escape by. This constitutes the wooden framework or skeleton of the house. Against the sides of the framework sheaves of kamisch are set up on end and lashed fast to the spars, and others are placed on the flat roof, all in sufficient thickness to keep out wind and weather and keep in the warmth in winter. The fire-place, a hole in the ground, is called *ottschak*; arranged round it in a square are a number of wooden blocks, *päsch*, more than half of each block being sunk in the ground; these are intended to support and protect the felt carpets (*kighis*), which do not rest in direct contact with the ground, but upon kamisch mats (*pisat*) strewn underneath. The fire is fed with long thin billets of wood (*ottun*), which are gradually pushed across it as the ends burn away. Naturally the hut soon gets filled with smoke, which only gradually finds its way out through the *tungluk*, and both roof and walls are covered with a thick layer of soot. A round pole, *tschukutschäk*, is fixed near the wall, about 1½ m. above the ground, to hang clothes, rugs, and other articles on. The long, cylindrical pillows, or bolsters, are called *täkija* or *jasuk*. The name for a boat is *kemi*, for the paddle *kudschäk*, for a net *gölme*, or *gylme*. In a well-equipped house I likewise noted the following utensils, wares, etc. — *jung* = sheep's wool; *pustun* = pelts; *kiinlar* = garments; *urghak* = a reaping-hook, with which the kamisch is cut; *purutsch* = a wooden bottle for oil; *on* = flour; *tschöjtschuk* = a small