

CHAPTER XXVIII.

AN EXCURSION UP THE EASTERN WATERWAY OF THE
TARIM DELTA.

When on 20th April we resumed our journey up the eastern waterway, the hydrographical distribution was as follows: the Tarim had a volume of 101.86 cub.m. in the second, while 16.56 cub. m. flowed out of the Karaunelik-köl, partly going east and partly west; so that the eastern waterway furnished about one-seventh of the volume contributed by the western waterway.

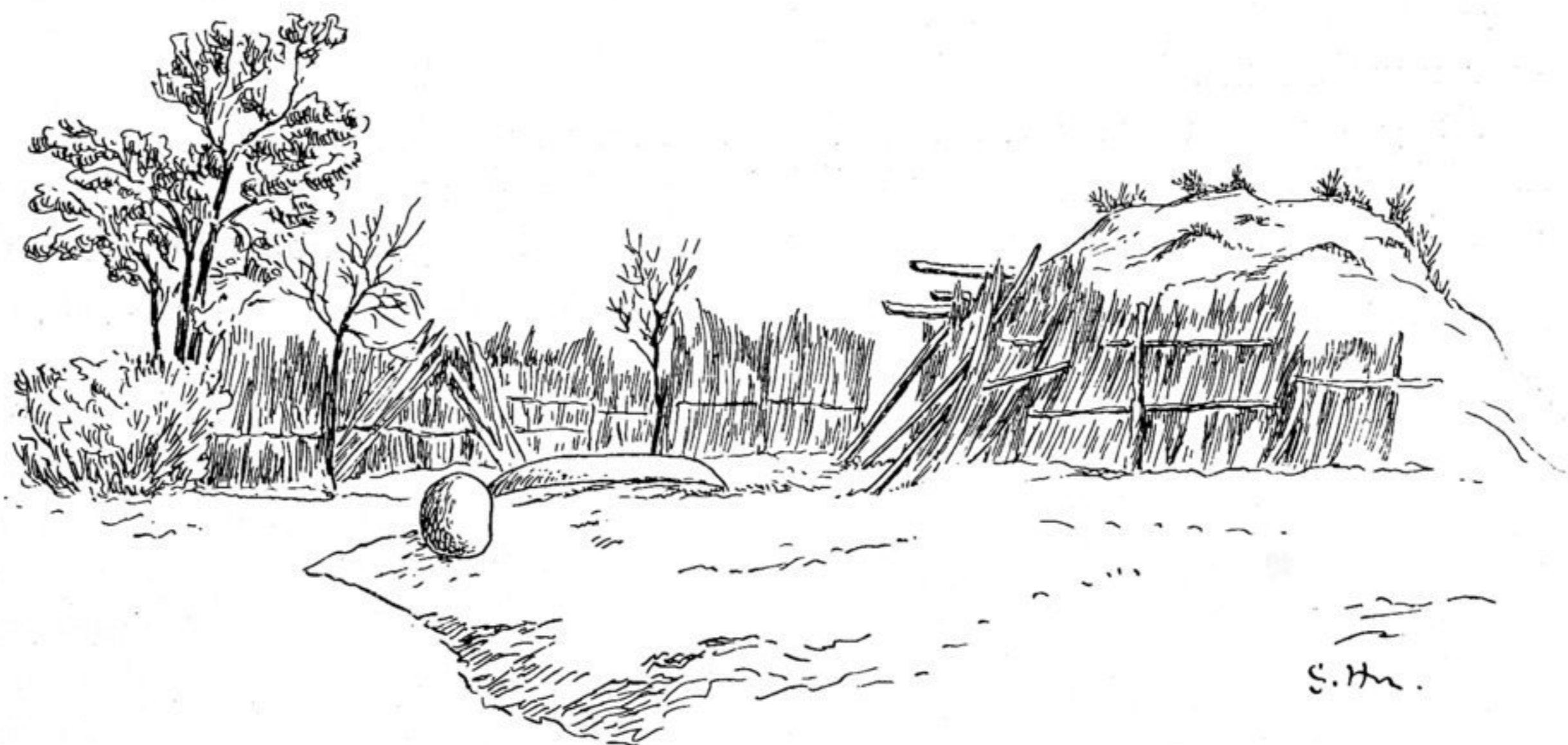


Fig. 401. THE HUTS OF KARAUNELIK.

We now continued with three big canoes, retracing in the beginning the route by which we had come down; but upon reaching the huts of Karaunelik we took another direction, namely towards the north. I already knew the country as far as Kum-tscheke, for I had visited it in 1896; but the changes which had taken place in the interval were so great that I scarcely recognised it again. The Karaunelik-köl is connected by certain narrow passages with the Avullu-köl; in this lake a man, Avul Achun, claimed three years ago the exclusive rights of fishing. Next comes the Tschong-köl, or the Big Lake, which fully justifies its name, for its area is larger than any of the open sheets of water we saw in the Kara-koschun. The Tschong-köl,