

28th November. River serpentine a good deal; the bed rather wider and with rather more alluvium. Marginal lakes very numerous; forest good; to the north-west a belt of high dunes. On the right bank a strip of low dunes, bound with vegetation and known as Töttöru-jaghatsch. The farther the river advances, the more the sand predominates and the higher grow the dunes. In this and the immediately following stretches the river flows towards the north-east.

29th November. Bends pretty large; numerous small marginal lakes. On the right the high sand approaches quite close, e. g. Anasch-kum. Forest general. From the north enters the Kurugen-ugen. Steppe very common.

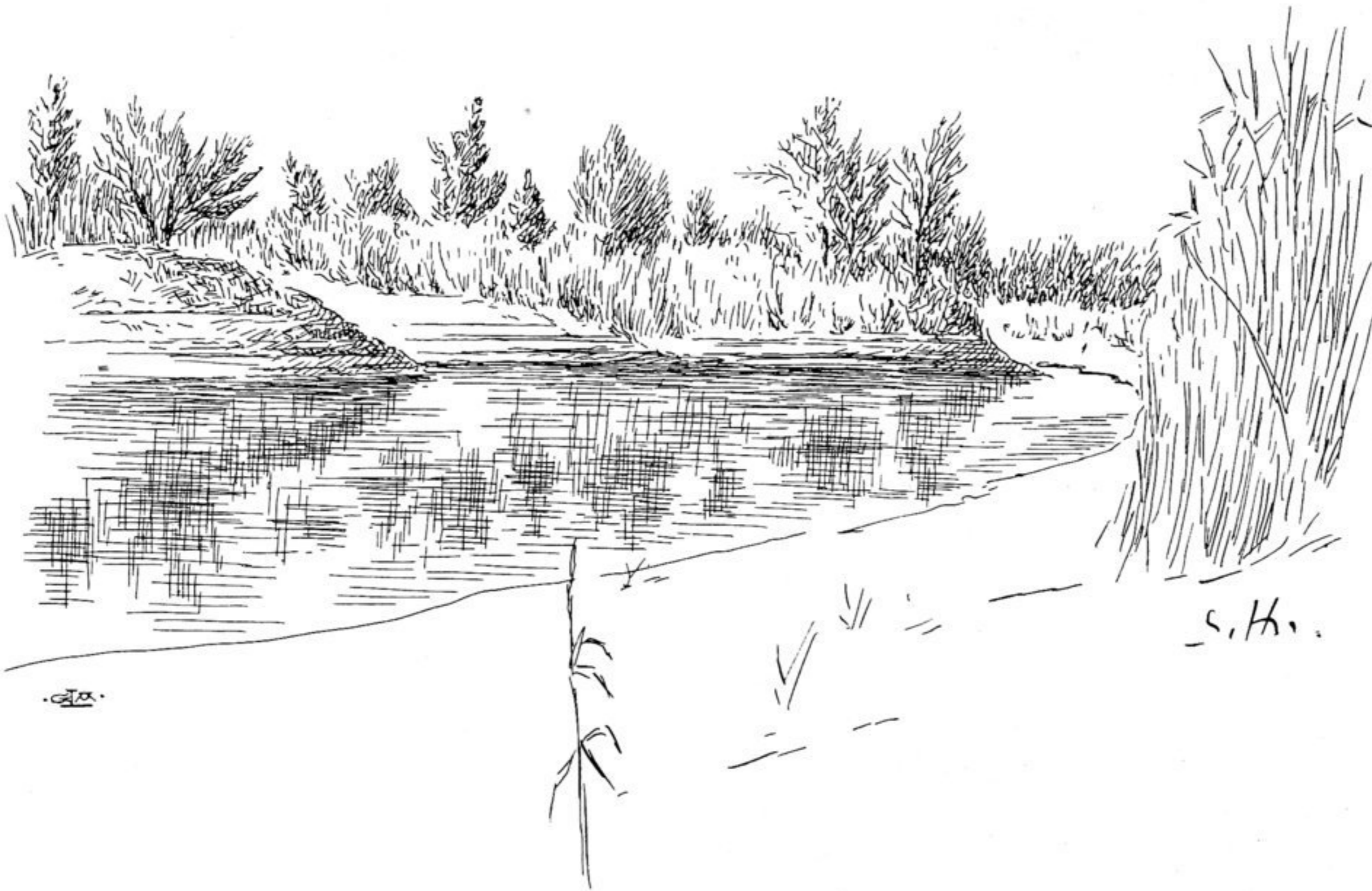


Fig. 242. TSCHA-JAN OR INTSCHKÄ-DARJA AT TSCHONG-TOKAJ.

30th November. The stream relatively straight, traversing in part luxuriant forest, in part steppe. The bed pretty broad. It is very seldom that the river comes into contact with the high sand, which on its right bank reaches an altitude of 60 to 90 m.

1st December. River broad and moderately winding, and touches the sand at two or three points on both sides. No signs of boldschemals or side-branches; but there are single small marginal lakes. Forest good. On the south-east the sand is high, but not continuous; that on the north-west lower. The belt of vegetation between them is about two km. broad. The sheep industry, which had been decreasing all the way down from Schah-jar, appears to be entirely absent here, at all events at this season of the year.

2nd December. River moderately winding and pretty broad. The sand on the south-east thus far high and well-developed, whilst that on the north of the river