

have been exposed through the erosive action of the rain-water. South of our route rose a crest of the same dark rock. Upon emerging from a little ravine, the glen widens out and forms the oasis of Hunglughu, with the Hunglughu-darja, a bright and beautiful little brook, on the west side of which the Chinese have built a hut

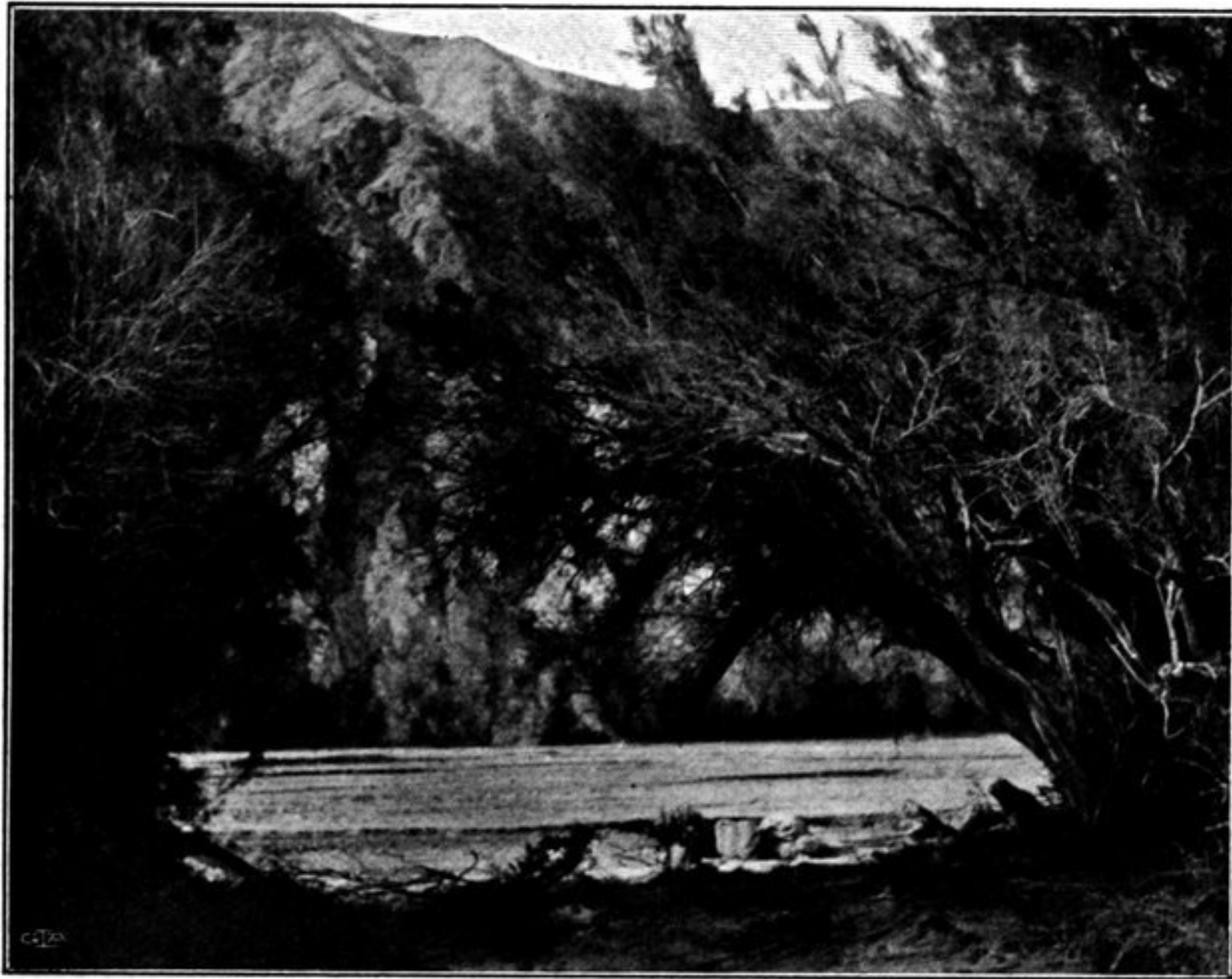
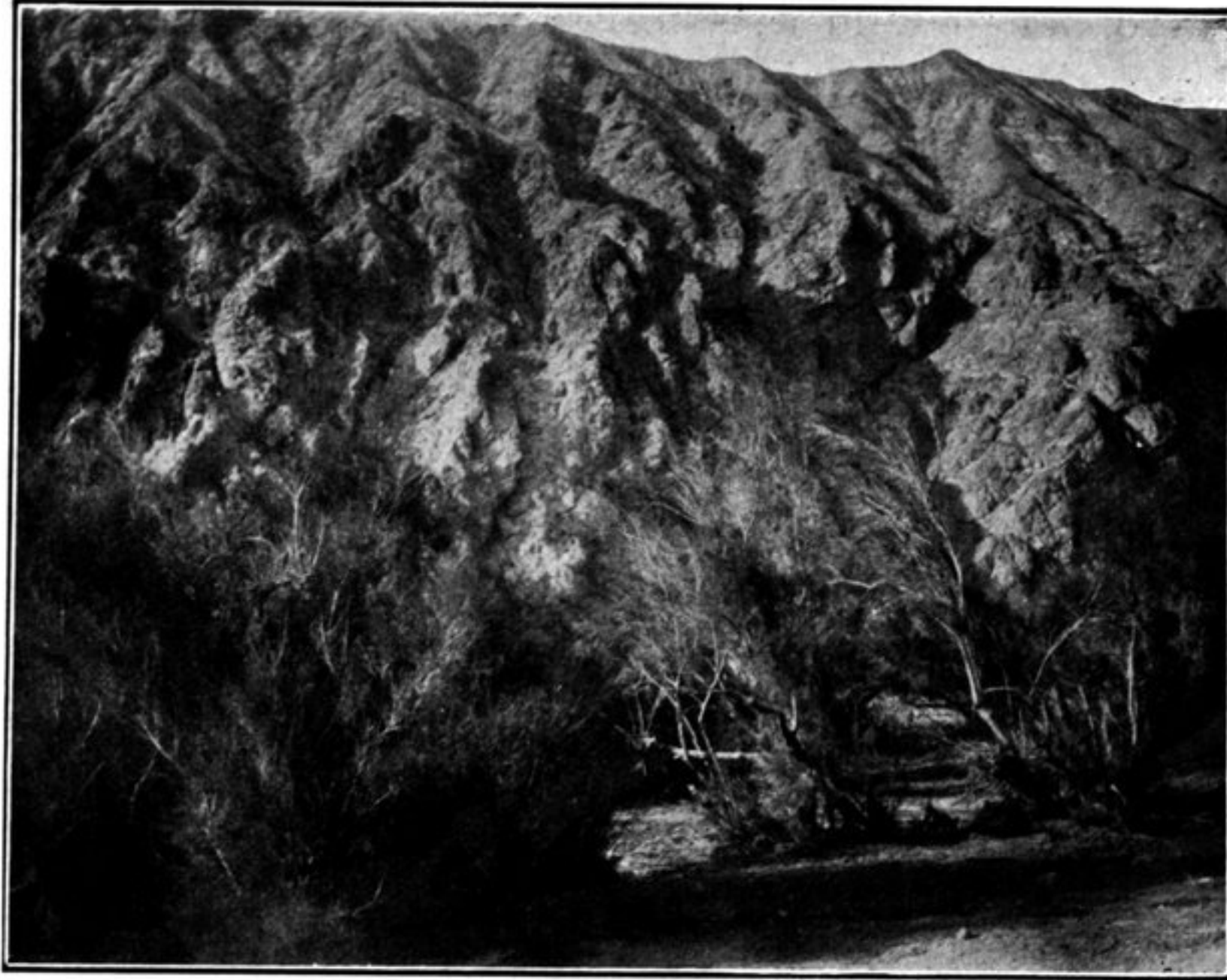


Fig. 5. BIG TAMARISKS IN THE VALLEY OF TATLIK-BULAK.

or caravanserai, though it is now unoccupied. Thanks to this copious and uninterrupted supply of water, the little oasis supports what, in comparison with the barren desert from which we had lately come, may be called a luxuriant vegetation. Fine, vigorous tamarisks grow on the level ground, i. e. without the usual mounds, while the landscape is further enlivened by kamisch, *tschige*, and other plants. In an ex-