

CHAPTER XXII.

EAST AND NORTH OF ANAMBARUIN-ULA.

On the 12th January we turned our backs upon the basin of Särtäng and returned to the mountains on the north; and in proportion as we approached them so did the temperature rise, that is at night. At Sando the minimum temperature was $31.^{\circ}7$; at Camp CXXI it was on the contrary $20.^{\circ}1$; and at Camp CXXII. $18.^{\circ}1$. The first day's march was quite monotonous, although we observed a Mongol caravan of four camels and five horses making by another route for the pass of Davato; they were bound on a trading excursion to Sa-tscheo.



Fig. 267.

Our route of 12th January led north-north-east from Eken-schirik towards the glen-opening of Tschang-tse or Tschang-tsen, by which we were again to march up into the mountains. At first we had immediately on our right numerous marshes; pools, and rough sheets of ice at the springs. After that we left the northern part of the Bulungir-nor behind us and travelled across a thin kamisch steppe with schor. Then came a belt of soft barren soil, and this was succeeded by the hard saj, strewn with gravel and coarse sand, and furrowed by an occasional faintly outlined watercourse. The flat gravelly scree had here precisely the same character that it had where we crossed it farther west on our way down into Särtäng, the only difference being that here, in the east, it was perfectly barren. There were no snowy peaks immediately in front of us; the loftiest summits of the Anambaruin-ula rose to the west of our route. South of the main range, which forms the direct continuation of the section $W_1 V_1 Y_1$, there appeared to be a smaller foothill range, broken by glen-openings at intervals. The glen nearest to us on the west was that which leads down from the pass of Davato. It appeared to be a large glen, and from it issued a considerable watercourse. The glen by which we ascended is much smaller and its watercourse insignificant. Close to the foot of the mountain, where the latter watercourse breaks upon the lowlands (though it soon after dis-