

Särtäng Mongols, are accustomed to spend the whole of the winter in these mountainous regions, although they are sometimes driven out of them when the grazing gets covered by heavy falls of snow. It is said usually to be the north-west wind that brings the snow, although the snow-falls are on the whole just as irregular as



Fig. 271. GOING DOWN FROM THE PASS OF SCHO-OVO-TU.

the rains, being some years very abundant and very violent, while other years there are none at all. Sometimes it rains so violently that it is impossible to ford the brook of Scho-ovo-tu. If snow should fall at that season, January or February, the only course is to go down into the lowlands. The Mongols spend their summers