



Fig. 275. VIEWS IN THE VALLEY OF SCHO-OVO-TU.

Another region, but without water, lying north-east of Tschang-tsen, is known as Moge-tädse.

The Mongols here, when questioned about the ancient road which we followed for so long from Akato and between the parallel chains of the Astin-tagh, were unable to give me any information about it. They had never even heard speak of the lake of Ghas or of the Tschimen valley. When I asked a shrewd old Mongol whether at some distant period his kindred had not possibly grazed their flocks in Tschimen, he asked me first how far it was to the place, and then how I came to imagine that sensible people would drive their flocks a twenty days' journey through