

then about 3 cub.m. in the second, the water being bright. Where this stream goes to I was at that time unable to make out, but by means of a reconnaissance we ascertained later that at about 10 km. north-east of Camp XXXV it empties itself into a salt lake of about the same size as the one near which we formed Camp XXXII. This lake is encircled by mountains on the east, and the grazing round its shores was good. Marching south-eastwards away from the river, we soon became entangled amongst broken hills, and accordingly preferred to return to the lake-side, where the ground was level. Still this did not continue very far, for the river, describing the most extraordinary bends, threads a labyrinth of hills, some of which descend to it quite precipitously. As the going here was so unfavourable we



Fig. 360. THE SAME.

turned finally towards the south-east, and made for a flat pass, marching up to it across ground that is in part gently undulating, in part barren, in part thinly sprinkled with vegetation. We also crossed over a little depression, which clearly belonged to the same category of miniature lake as that at Camp XXXIII, that is to say its bottom was then dry, but it would unquestionably become filled during the rainy season then beginning. Camp XXXV (alt. 4954 m.) was pitched beside a pool containing salt water; we dug a couple of wells, but the water they yielded was likewise undrinkable. Consequently we had to send back to the river which we had last crossed over in order to procure water to drink.

At the little pass we found a reddish conglomerate, in part weathered, but otherwise hard, and of medium-grain, cropping out in an insignificant crest and dipping 4° towards the S. 55° E. Apart from this, we saw no hard rock in this latitudinal valley, the bottom of which exhibited various shades of reddish brown.

That morning the sky was heavily clouded, but we had no downfall until noon, when it began to hail, and afterwards it turned to rain. We could see the storm-clouds coming a long way off: they filled the valley as it were with a mass