

convenient, and that both above and below it the river is both narrower and deeper, and does not admit of being forded during at any rate the summer and the rainy season.



Fig. 382. TIBETAN CAMPS.

After traversing a belt of almost barren ground, we encamped on the left side of a little tributary of the Satschu-tsangpo. Camp L had an absolute altitude of 4864 m., so that the river at the ford lies a little lower than that. The tributary, which in the afternoon had a volume of a couple of cubic meters, swelled towards evening to three times that size, the reason being that the rain which fell during