

highest mountains in that locality were the three snowy summits to the north of that lake. Between them and the Erenak-tschimo intervenes a veritable ocean of mountain-ranges, peaks, detached buttes, and valleys, and it was only with the help of the compass that I was able to conjecture the route which our caravan had



Fig. 74. VIEWS FROM THE HIGHEST POINT REACHED UPON THE ERENAK-TSCHIMO.

followed. Even the valley of the Bogtsang-tsangpo did not stand out in any way conspicuously, not more noticeably in fact than its nearest neighbours; nor were there any other dominant features in the landscape. It was nothing but an indistinguishable tangle of mountain-ranges, amongst which our route was quite lost.