

themselves attacked by any kind of fever or other ailment that may hap, they lose no time in going to the hills ; and after abiding there two or three days, they quite recover their health through the excellence of that air. And Messer Marco said he had proved this by experience : for when in those parts he had been ill for about a year, but



Ancient Silver Patera of debased Greek art, formerly in the possession of the Princes of Badakshan, now in the India Museum. (Four-ninths of the diameter of the Original.)

as soon as he was advised to visit that mountain, he did so and got well at once.^{7]}

In this kingdom there are many strait and perilous passes, so difficult to force that the people have no fear of invasion. Their towns and villages also are on lofty hills,