

plain. The fall is so gradual that it would be impossible to tell in which direction the ground slopes. To the west and east the great valley is much narrower and the river here seems to be in one branch. To the S. E. there is a large tributary valley with a ribbon of ice from a spring. In the same direction there is a small snow-peak which we had seen from *Camp LXXIX*. To the S. W. black tents are visible at three different places, and flocks of tame yaks are grazing on the plain. To the west is a pyramidal top with steep sides, dominating the landscape far away to the east and west. From the pass we go down to the plain of this big valley, the ground of which consists of alluvium with some poor grass. Several dry beds were crossed before we reached two ice-covered branches of the river, the latter also containing running water. We camped near the base of the mountains at the right side of the river. The living rock here consisted of brown, weathered limestone.