

CHAPTER XXXI.

CROSSING THE TRANSHIMALAYA FROM KHALEB TO GYÄKUNG AND THENCE TO GARTOK.

The crossing from *Khaleb* to *Gyäkung*, *Camp CCXLI*, is, chronologically, the fourth I undertook across the *Transhimalaya*, and from the point of view of geographical situation from east to west, the seventh. As mentioned in the preceding chapter, *Camp CCXXX*, *Khaleb*, was at 4,629 m., *Diri-pu-gompa* or *Camp CCXXXI*, at 5,091 m., the ascent 462 m. and the rate 1:43.5, as the distance was 20.1 km.

My second camp at *Diri-pu-gompa*, *September 7th*, *Camp CCXXXIII*, was not exactly at the same place as the first one, or *Camp CCXXXI*, but as the distance between the two was extremely short, the altitude was practically the same or 5,091 m. From there we had 12.3 km. N. N. E. to the pass *Tseti-la*, 5,628 m. high, a rise of 537 m., or 1:23. The water-parting pass between the *Satlej* and the *Indus* is, however, *Tseti-lachen-la*, 5,466 m. high, and situated 4.7 km. N. N. W. of *Tseti-la*, about one kilometer beyond *Camp CCXXXIV*, *Sände-buk*, 5,458 m. high. The fall between the two passes is, therefore, 162 m. or 1:29. From *Tseti-lachen-la* we had 23 km. N. N. E. to *Camp CCXXXV*, *Singe-buk*, with an altitude of 5,079 m. or 387 m. below the pass, being a fall of 1:59. The last-mentioned camp was reached on *September 9th*.

Pan. 314, Tab. 57, is a view of the *Kailas* from the *Tseti* valley. Pan. 322A and B, Tab. 58, is drawn from *Tseti-la* and shows the flat, rounded hills near the crest, and no distant view. Pan. 325, Tab. 59, is taken from a point 2 km. S. W. of *Camp CCXXXV*, and shows the mountains rising on the right or northern side of the *Indus* just above the camp. A part of the same mountains is also visible on Pan. 324, Tab. 58, which was sketched from *Camp CCXXXV*, *Singe-buk*. To the N. 66° W. the valley of the *Indus* is seen.

From *Singe-buk* we had 11 km. E. S. E. to the source of the *Indus*, *Singikabab*, *Camp CCXXXVI*, at an altitude of 5,165 m. or 86 m. higher, the rise being 1:128. Pan. 323A and B, Tab. 58, shows the surroundings of this important place, with mountains of moderate size to the south belonging to the same *Transhimalayan Range* as the one of *Tseti-lachen-la*.