

of the range is said to be a plateau of grass land to which the wild camels resort. The guide told me the wild camels keep away from the caravan tracks and stay up in the mountains. The Mongols follow them there and catch their young, which they use for riding only, as the camels will not carry a pack. Their legs are thin, and the hair smooth. At three years old they are said to be of the size of a horse; at five years, the size of a small tame camel.

The guide also said that there were wild horses and what he called mules from this district westward. I saw some of the so-called wild mules through my telescope. They are the kyang or wild asses of Ladak and Tibet, and are in size about thirteen or fourteen hands, and in colour a light bay, being brightest under the belly. The head and tail were like a mule's, the neck thick and arched. They trotted fast, with a free, easy motion. The guide says the horses go about in troops of two or three hundred.

One evening Ma-te-la, the Mongol assistant, was suddenly seen to shoot ahead at a great pace, and, on asking, I found he was going home. On he went, far away over the plain,