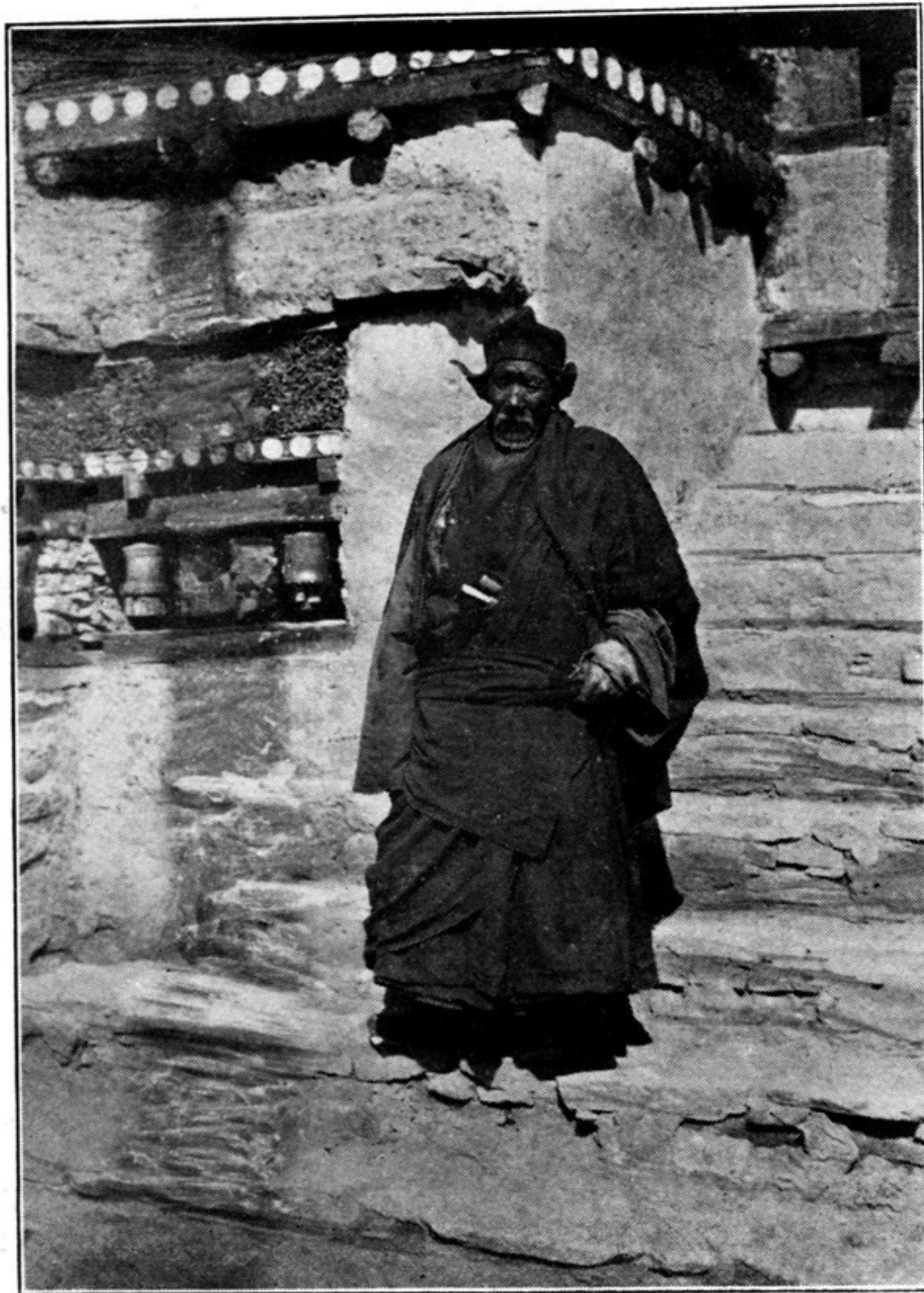


this point we had been able to bring riding ponies, but had now to continue the ascent on foot. With the prospect of a long and tiring march across the pass, we set out at about two o'clock in the morning from the insect-infested room, which evidently had often served as



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a stable, and in about two hours we reached the summit. Fortunately the morning was not very dark, and although there was a moderate fall of snow from about 3 a.m. we were generally able to keep to the track made by the coolies, eventually reaching the village of Durguk about eleven in the forenoon.