

the village was cleared out for me and served for my abode. It was not roomy; its entrance (as the photograph shows) was low and narrow; if one touched the walls or roof a shower of loess fell, but the dwelling had the advantage of being pleasantly cool. The headmen of the village consulted together, and agreed to supply me with fresh transport as far as Yepal Ungur on the Kiria river. This arrangement was satisfactory to all concerned, but chiefly to the Kiria men, who were now paid off and at liberty to return home. Thinking that possibly some of these men had been impressed, and believing that only two of them had been to blame for the trouble which had arisen, I gave some backsheesh to all but the two ring-leaders, whose surprise and disappointment were depicted on their faces when they found that they were deliberately passed over.