

home on the steep and lofty ridges which are the haunts of this animal. Even such sportsmen will probably meet with difficulty and danger out of all proportion to the game they will secure.

In nearly all the smaller valleys there are many chicore; possibly in Raskam there may be a few, but in the desolate valley of the Yarkand River north of that tract we saw not one. The larger variety, called ram chicore, we



SKINNING A YAK'S HEAD.

found only on ground over about 14,000 feet in altitude. This bird is exceedingly wary; his sense of hearing is very acute, and when he detects the presence of an intruder he flies away with a loud cry, in groups like small coveys of partridges, across the valleys to alight on ground where he can scarcely be discerned. We could occasionally hear the birds as they retired, but very seldom were able to shoot them. Their flesh is white,