

Hussein to reconnoitre. After half an hour he returned with the news that he had found a well with slightly brackish water. Then he and Habibullah, provided with two sheepskins, mounted two camels and went off to the well to fetch water. It was not till ten o'clock that we heard their shout down in the valley,—they wished to find out how much farther it was to the camp. Fortunately they had taken a lantern with them, which appeared a little later, dancing like a will o' the wisp, as they came up with both sacks full of quite sweet and fresh water.