

the basin. The zones of dunes we now find on the southern edge of the depression will then lie where they are for all future time, for there, and there only, are all conditions of their existence fulfilled. Only as weathering proceeds and the hills, which now check the winds and the farther movement of the sand-dunes, lose their effect, can the sandy belts have an opportunity of gaining ground. The sandhills on the coast of Baluchistan are certainly not appreciably larger at present than at the time when Alexander's warriors lost their baggage waggons because the wheels stuck fast in the loose sand.