

miles from its entrance the traveler meets with Usbeg camps of felt kubitkas side by side the Tadjik villages. The last kubitka is passed below Iori, above which the type strengthens into a pure Tadjik; and, as my Tadjik caravan men testified,

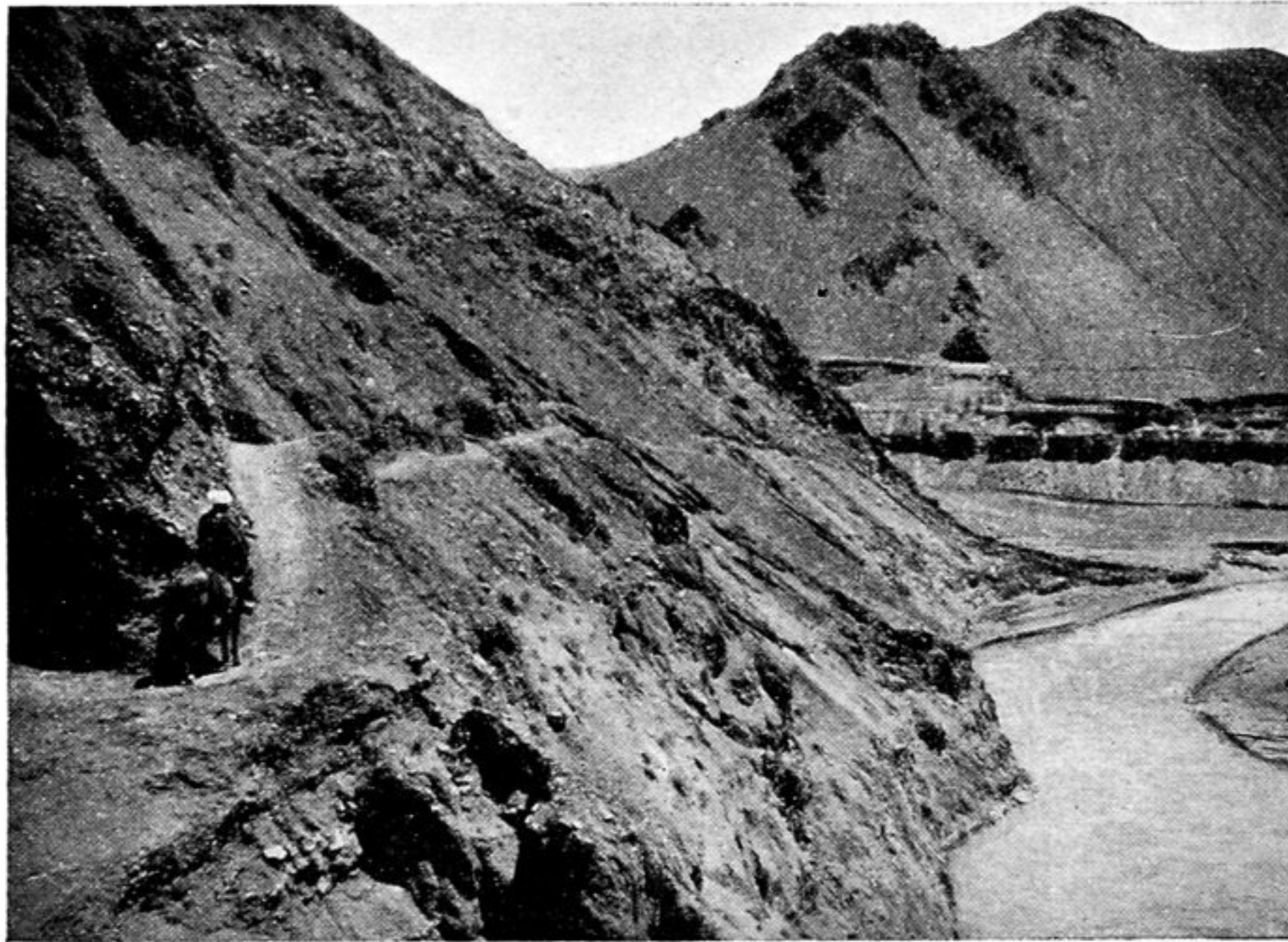


Fig. 474.—Cliff-trail up the Zerafshan Gorge.

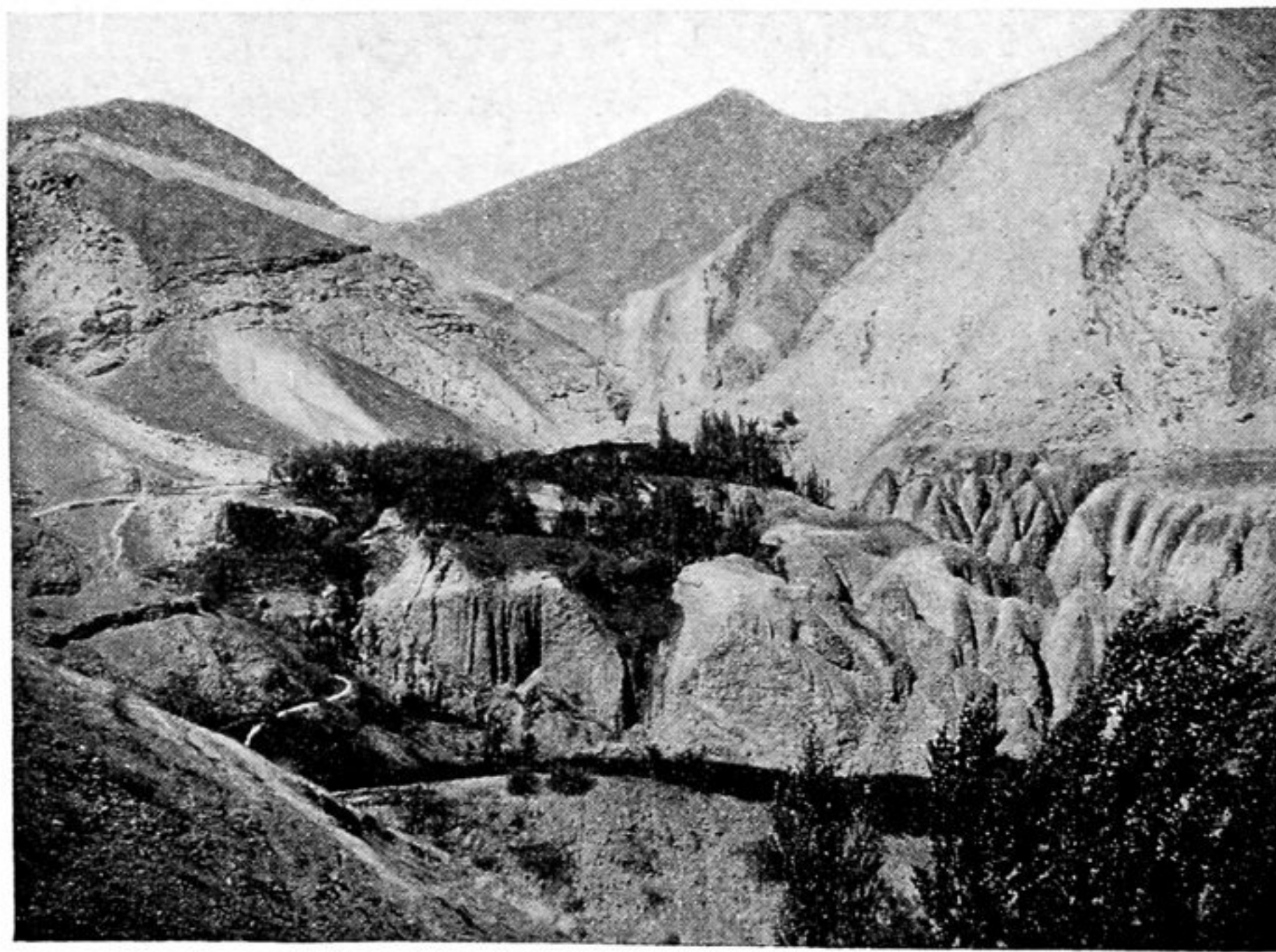


Fig. 475.—A High Valley Oasis of the Zerafshan Gorge.

all speak a good Galcha, a language said by philologists to be a pure remnant of Aryan. They are broad-shouldered, of medium stature, averaging something like 5 feet 9 inches, usually with black hair, bushy black beards, dark eyes, and clean-