CHAPTER V

IN SARIKOL

PAGE

Tash-kurghan, Ptolemy's "Stone Tower"—On the track of Hiuen-Tsiang—Ruins of old town—Diplomatic surveying—Chinese garrison—Meeting with Sarikoli headmen—Applicants for "Tabloids"—Requisitions for kitchen—Plain of Tagharma—Muztagh-Ata sighted—March along Russian Pamir—A Kirghiz shrine—At Karasu post—Crossing of Ulugh-Rabat Pass—Old friends, the marmots—Chinese at Subashi post—Arrival at Little Kara-kul

CHAPTER VI

ON MUZTAGH-ATA

CHAPTER VII

THROUGH THE GEZ DEFILE TO KASHGAR

Departure from Kara-kul—Tarns of Basik-kul—Obstruction at Bulun-kul—A pliable interpreter—Entrance of Gez Defile—Chinese engineering—Crossing Koksel Glacier—At Gez Karaul—Absconding of Kirghiz—Opportune relief—Over the "Nine Passes"—Through tortuous gorges—Solitary spring—Distant view of plains—Scrambles over decomposed ranges—Arrival in Tashmalik plain—Passage of Yamanyar R.—Through the Opal oasis—First impressions of rural Turkestan—Ride into Kashgar . . . 106–120