

delightful. The Alpine scenery, the luxuriant growth of herbs and flowers, as well as the abundance of pine forest in the higher side valleys, reminded me at every turn of familiar views in Kashmir. We met plenty of Kirghiz with their entire household on camels and



IN THE BAZAR OF OSH, FARGHANA.

ponies, slowly moving up for their summer 'Yailaks' on the Alai. The fine carpets displayed on the camels which the women-folk rode gave to these caravans quite an air of splendour.

I cannot pause to describe the many signs of prosperity and rapid material development which met the eye everywhere as soon as I had entered, on the 7th of June, the open fertile parts of the great