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## The Drill Sands in the Interior of the Sindh Ságer Duáb, Páñjáb.

Lat. North: 31° 50'

Long. East of Green: 71° 25'

Height: 370 Engl. feet.

The physical character of the duabs of the Páñjáb is extremely varied. In the vicinity of the rivers they are fertile, well cultivated, and covered with fine groups of palm trees; but their interiors consist of sandy deserts, almost without water. The sand, as seen in the landscape here represented, is gathered into drifts and assumes the usual form of shifting downs, dotted at rare intervals with a few shrub-like trees. The view is taken at Hetu, a small village, east of the Indus. Far away in the dim distance of the northeast horizon (on the left), a faint outline of the salt range is visible. The average height of the downs, which rise 30 feet higher than the neighbouring plains on the western border of this duab, is 370 feet above the level of the sea.



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## Alluvial High Ground on the western border of the Sindh Ságer Duáb, Páñjáb.

Lat. North: 31° 44'

Long. East of Green: 71° 17'

Height of the plains: 390 Engl. feet

This part of the duab (about 20 miles east of the Indus) may be called the border land, where the sterile and sandy desert of the interior merges into the fertile tracts lining the well-watered banks of the Indus. Numerous, but isolated groups of trees, 30 or 40 feet in height, begin to appear, as also large fields of wheat and other cereals which are cultivated during a part of the year. The heat, however, precludes all cultivation in summer, when this part of the country becomes the arena of the most violent dust storms. The soil of the foreground partaking of the composite character of the region is clay mixed with the sand of the downs represented above, which are seen as bluish hills in the distance.