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The Salt Lake Kiúk Kiöl, in the Karakásh valley, Turkistán.

Lat North 35° 40' 0"

Long East of Green 77° 56' 0"

Height: 15460 Engl. feet.

The brackish lake Kiúk Kiöl, one of the few we have seen in these parts, is situated in the vast highland desert descending to the north from the Karakórum crest. The shores, especially where our tent is pitched, are sprinkled with a scanty pasturage of grass, leading to which may be discerned the well worn tracks of game. The slopes of the mountains are covered with drift-sand, similar to the snowbeds in other regions. The eroded portal-like aperture near the centre indicates the entrance of an affluent, which takes its rise in the northern slopes of Changchémo.