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Russian Railways Towards India (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Russian Railways Towards India From Krasnovodsk to Askhabad is a desert journey of eighteen hours. The traveller passes through the country of the Yomud Turkomans, entering the Akhal Tekke oasis at czun-su, and skirting the base of Kopet Dagh, or daman-i-kuh. It has been said that a railway was projected to run from Askhabad to Meshed, via Firuzeh and the Gulistan hills. But I saw no sign of such a thing three years ago. The projected line to Meshed will not pass this way. An error in Central Asian cartography is that many places, Askhabad, Luftabad, etc., are shown in our maps as fortresses. They are guileless of defensive works. The only fortress is Kushk post, on the Afghan frontier. Along the railway in the akhal-tekke oasis are seen the Persian towers - for shah-abbas ruled up to kara-kum - into which the inhabitants fled at the approach of the Turkomans. A mounted Tekke here and there, his black stallion's coat glistening in the sun, is all that remains of the Alamans that swept the plains of...



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