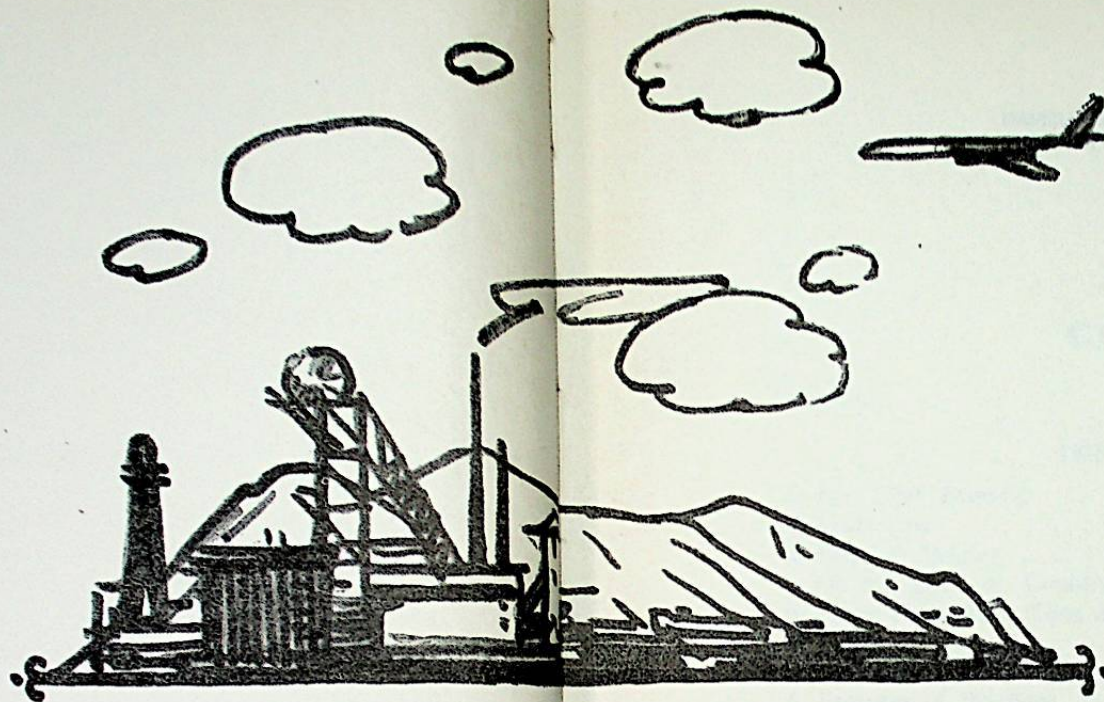


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## FOREWORD

A travel diary is usually the result of a single journey and in it the author gives a day-by-day description of all that attracted his attention on the way.

I have had the good fortune to travel across Kirghizia on seven different occasions and collected enough material for seven travel diaries. But I thought it would be much more interesting, dear reader, to act as your guide as you travel across the country.

Even though I have been to Kirghizia seven times, I naturally could not cover all the ground and see everything. So do not expect an all-embracing picture of the life of Kirghizia: some things I shall describe in detail, others in passing, and still others I shall not mention at all. In the years that I have been in that country I have, of course, seen difficulties and incongruities and little things that annoy people and tear them away from a contemplation of big things, use up their time and embitter their hearts. But as the years go by, the little things pass and the big things remain.

This is especially evident when you return after a long stretch of time. It is about these big things that I want to tell you, so that you will be able to see them as clearly as a person who has been to Kirghizia before.