We show the reader, in Figure 47, a fine specimen of the same kind: we refer to the remarkable rocks which rear themselves from the deep sea on the coast of the island of Thoulou, in the Gulf of

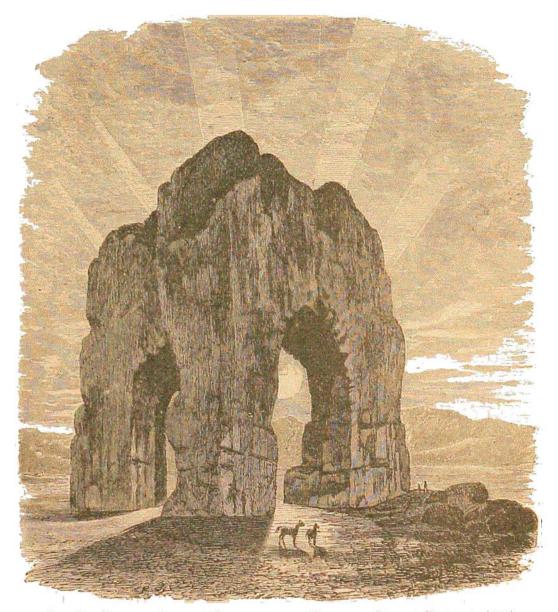


FIG. 48.—NATURAL ARCH OF GRANITE IN THE VALLEY OF BASKAN (CENTRAL ASIA).

Siam, and through whose bold irregular arches the Siamese steer their barks.

[The same phenomenon, on a smaller scale, may be seen on our British shores, as at—to take two very opposite instances—Freshwater Bay, in the Isle of Wight, and Flamborough Head, in Yorkshire. In the latter vicinity the rocks have been fashioned by "wind and wave" into a variety of fantastic forms, among which