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be misreadings for *Kal'ah-i-Hauz* and *Kal'ah-i-búrún*, the "fort of the reservoir," and the "fort of the promontory—or bluff."

4. "Kom-bau," the name of a pass and rivulet, is possibly *كوم باء*, *khumbah áo*, the "stream of the jar" (strictly *khumbahi-ab*, the "jar of water") according to an old Persian tradition that a jar was found in the neighbourhood. *Áo* is a well-known vulgarism for *áb*, "water."

5. "Mulla Khairan Tekke," translated "the Tekke Mulla Khairan," may rather be the "ṭak'iya," or "shrine" of Mulla Khairan.

6. "Nihál-shíni," translated the "sprout of joy," is not improbably a corruption of the common Persian compound "n'al-shikan," the "shoe-breaker."

7. The compound "Yeke-tut," said to be the "single mulberry-tree," is surely the "two mulberry-trees," if indeed Turkish, as stated. If Persian, "one tree" is intelligible.

8. May not the word "Kuyrukli," translated "having a tail," be "Kur-ugli," a well-known proper name?

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COPENHAGEN, HAVNEGADE 35, K.  
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In the 'Proceedings' of the R.G.S. for September last, page 611, an account was given of the subsidence of the rocky islet Munken, one of the Faroe islands, translated from *Amtstidende for Færøerne*. When it was reported here that some part of the Munken had fallen in, an order from the Minister of our Navy, Mr. Ravn, was sent to my son, Captain Frederick Irminger, who this year commanded the station around Iceland and the Faroes, to examine the Munken, and herewith I take the liberty of sending you the result of the examination, which shows that the Faroe newspaper was not correct in its information. The examination of Munken gives the following:—This rock lies about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  nautical miles from the most southern point of Suderoe. A part of Munken is fallen down; but still this rock has a height of 30 feet above the level of the sea, and will, in clear weather, with the eye elevated 18 feet, be seen at a distance of 11 nautical miles. The three flat rocks lying close to the north-east of Munken, called "Fleserne," have a height of about 16 feet above the level of the sea. The situation of Munken is  $61^{\circ} 22' \cdot 5$  N. lat., and  $6^{\circ} 45' \cdot 5$  W. long. (Greenwich).

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