

LESSON XXXV.

HOSPITALITY IN ARABIA.

wan-der-ing	par-ti-ti-on	per-ceive-d
in-stant-ly	A-ra-bia	ac-quaint-ed
ad-join-ing	di-vi-si-on	fre-quent-ly
In-dia	oc-cu-pi-ed	clean-li-ness

The wandering tribes among the Arabs live in tents, and pasture their flocks around them, removing to another district when they have exhausted the herbage near them. A traveller, on his way to India, who was most kindly treated by a family belonging to one of these tribes, thus describes what he saw of their habits and manners, during his visit. "I was advised," he says, "not to ask hospitality, but, according to their manners, to claim it as a matter of course; so, with perfect confidence, I rode up to the best looking tent, and dismounting, entered it. The women and children were all employed in driving in their cattle, and I sat some minutes without being seen. At length the master of the adjoining tent came in, and said to me, 'Good evening, you are welcome,' and instantly ordered a fire to be made. This was the way it was done:—A large hole was dug at the mouth of the tent, and the fuel placed in it and kindled; in a few minutes we had a famous blaze. I spread my carpet in front of it with great pleasure. My host's family occupied the next division to the one in which we were seated, which I found was destined for the young of the flocks. The lambs and kids were brought in, and tied by strings to pegs, thrust into the ground; some of the smallest lambs