

ASIA.

LXVI. — NORTHERN AND WESTERN ASIA.

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THE Russians, who possess the whole of eastern Europe, rule over all of northern Asia. The northernmost portion is called *Siberia*, and the south-western, *Russian Turkestan*. These possessions and Russia itself together form the *Russian Empire*.



Persian Water Carrier.

Southeast of the Aral Sea are small independent countries. Their people are mostly wandering herdsmen, but there are cultivated lands and cities in the best parts.

Northern Asia forms part of the Russian Empire, but does not contain a large population. *Siberia* is very cold, except in the southern part. *Turkestan* has hot summers, but very cold winters; and a large part is quite dry.

There are **rich lands** in the eastern part of Russian Turkestan, and also in the southern part of Siberia.