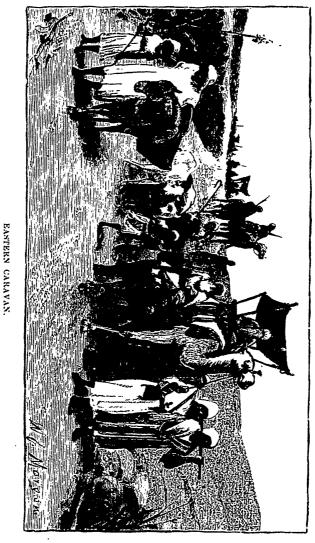
cooling fountains fed by the streams which still gurgle and murmur their way across the plain of Gennesareth to the lake of Galilee:

"Here were broad avenues and populous thoroughfares, thronged with the



motley concourse which so much wealth and magnificence attracted—rich merchants from Antioch, then the most gorgeous city of the East, and from the Greek islands; traders and visitors from Damascus, Palmyra and the rich cities of the Decapolis; caravans from Egypt and Persia; Jewish rabbis