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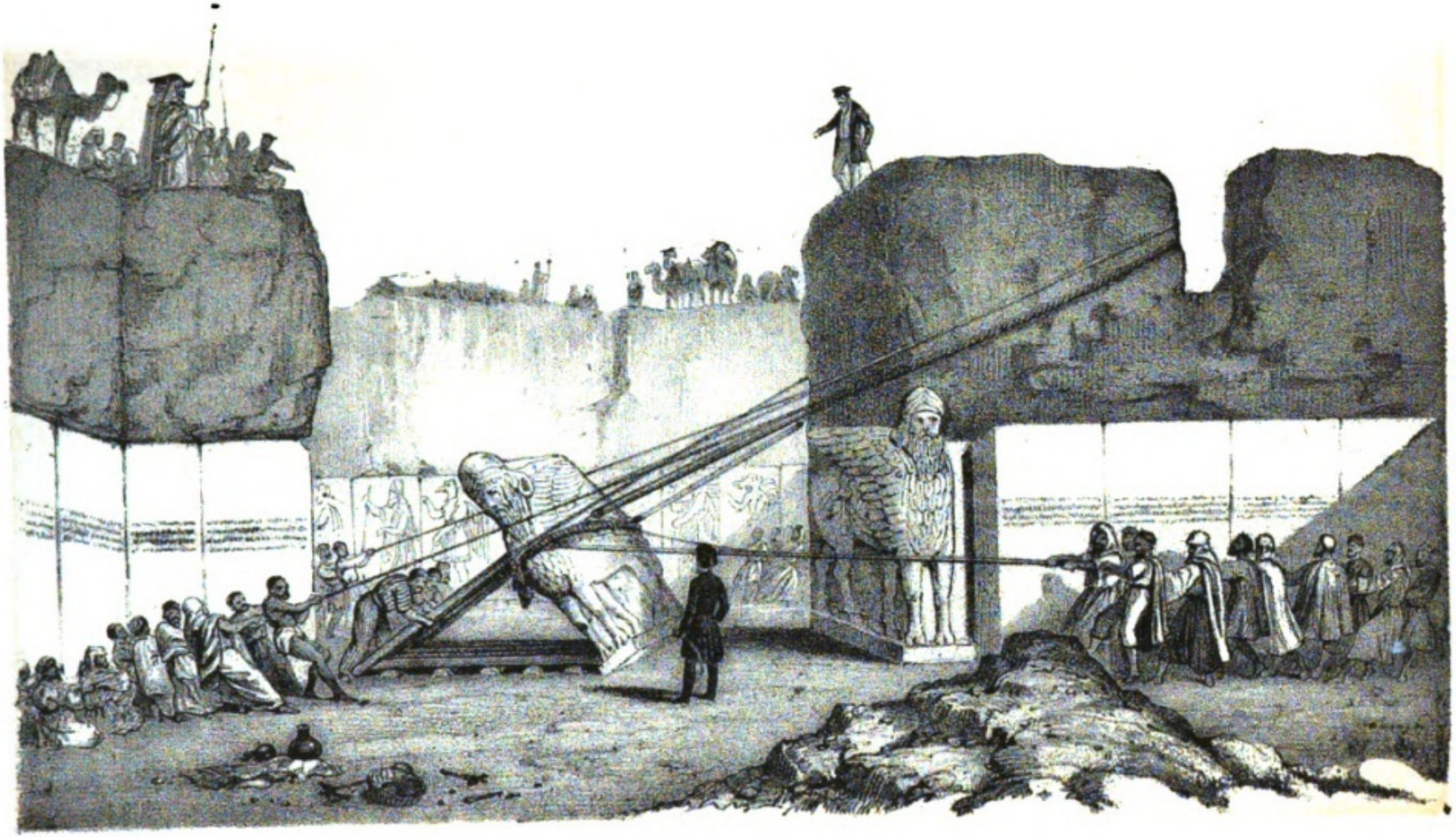

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LOWERING THE GREAT WINGED BULL.

John Murray Albemarle Street 1849

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WITH AN ACCOUNT OF A VISIT TO THE CHALDÆAN CHRISTIANS OF KURDISTAN, AND THE YEZIDIS, OR DEVIL-WORSHIPPERS; AND AN ENQUIRY INTO THE MANNERS AND ARTS OF THE ANCIENT ASSYRIANS.

BY AUSTEN HENRY LAYARD, ESQ. D.C.L.

"She saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion,
"Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity." EZEKIEL, xxiii. 14, 15.

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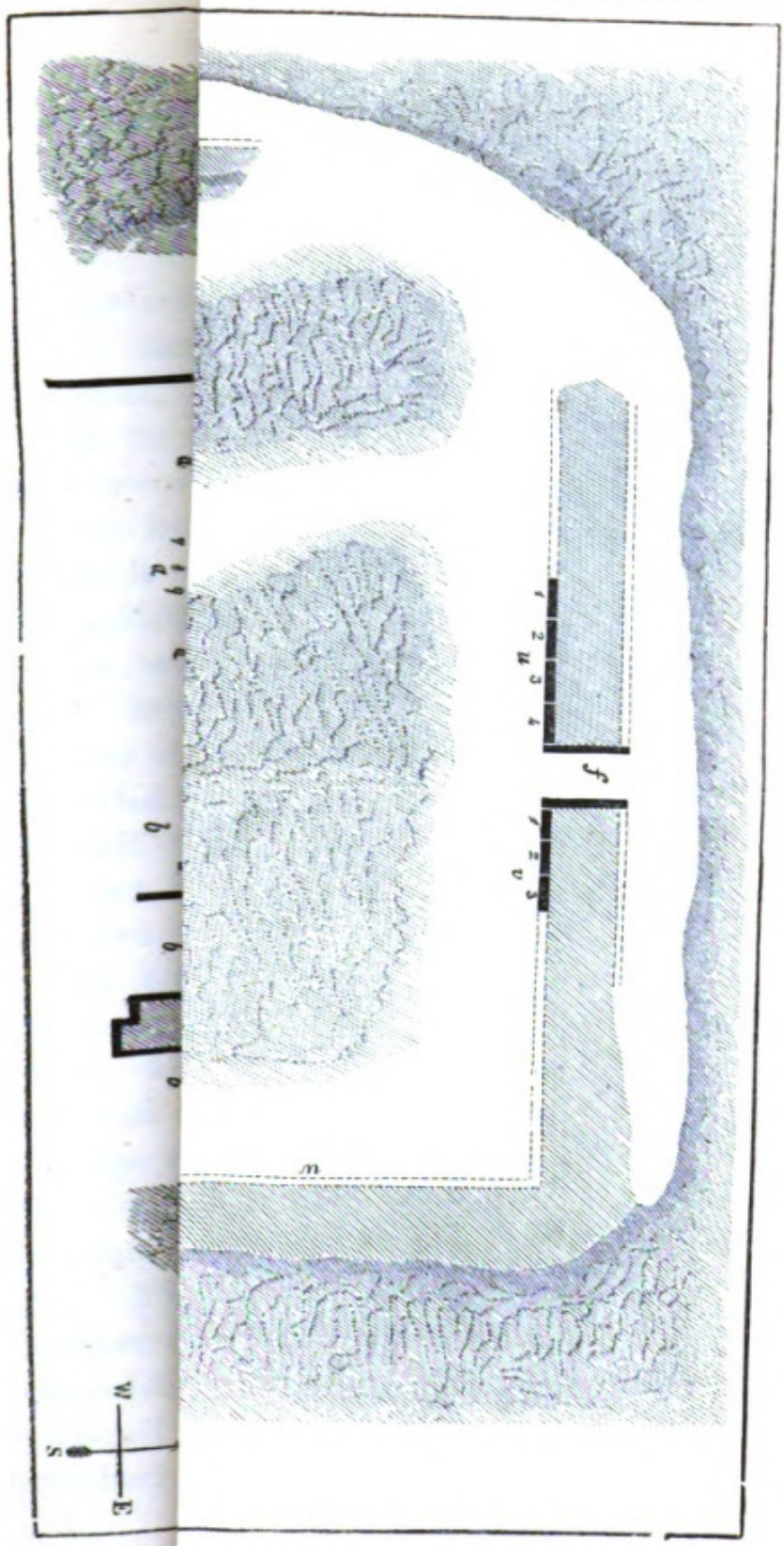

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EAGLE HEADED FIGURE. (N W. Palace, Nimroud

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DISCOVERY OF GIGANTIC HEAD

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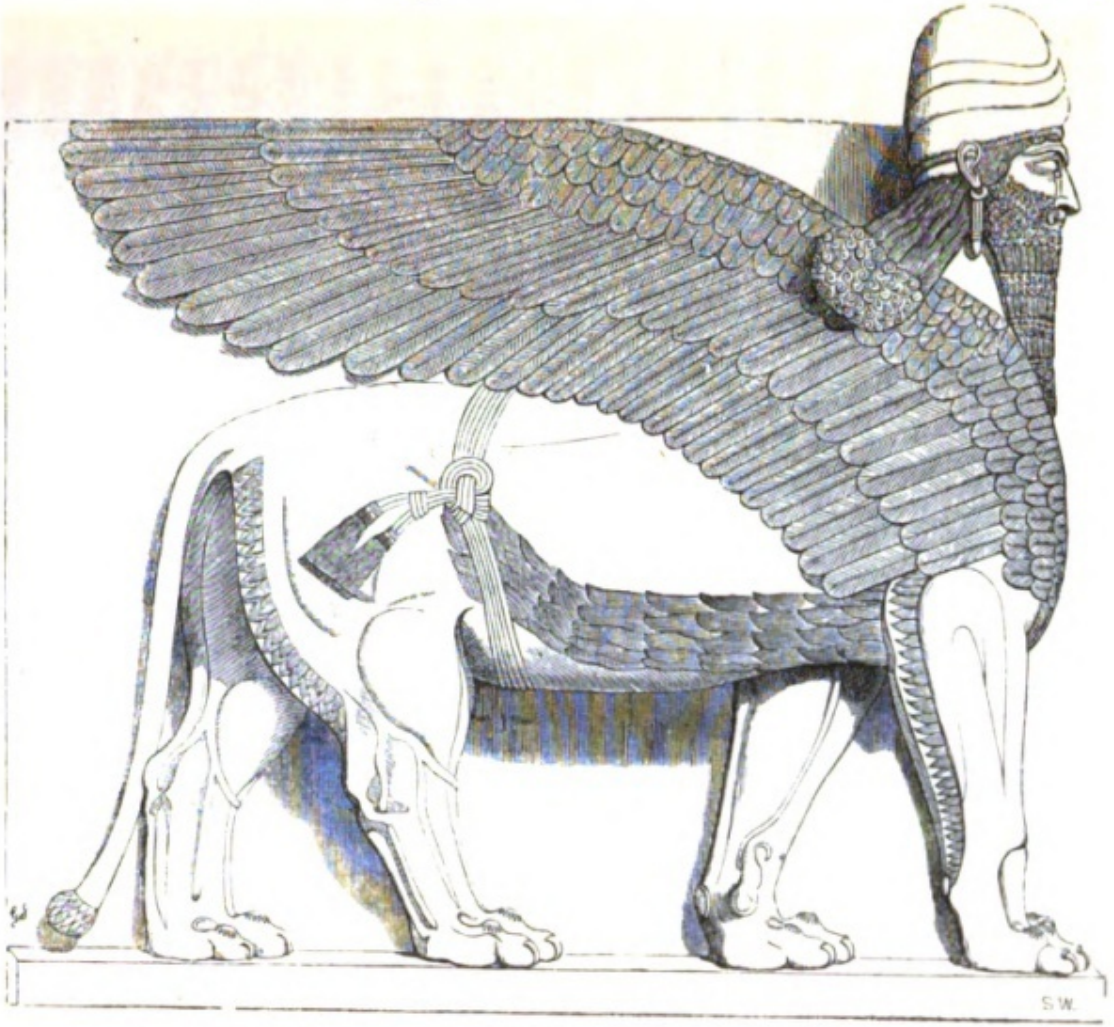

WINGED HUMAN HEADED LION. (N. W Palace, Nimroud.)

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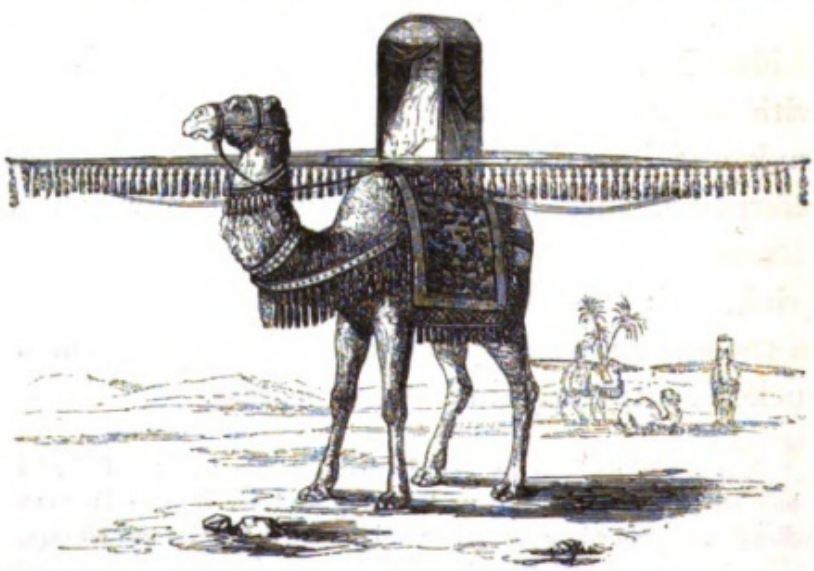
When the tribe is changing its pastures, the ladies of the Sheikhs are placed on the backs of dromedaries in the centre of the most extraordinary contrivance that man's ingenuity, and a love of the picturesque, could have invented. A light framework, varying from sixteen to twenty feet in length, stretches across the hump of the camel. It is brought to a point at each end, and the outer rods are joined by distended parchment; two pouches of gigantic pelicans seem to spring from the sides of the animal. In the centre, and over the hump, rises a small pavilion, under which is seated the lady. The whole machine, as well as the neck and body of the camel, is ornamented with tassels and fringes of worsted of every hue, and with strings of glass beads and shells. It sways from side to side as the beast labours under the unwieldy burthen; looking, as it appears above the horizon, like some stupendous butterfly skimming slowly over the plain.



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A SHAMMAR LADY ON A CAMEL.

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WINGED FIGURE. (N. W. Palace, Nimroud.)

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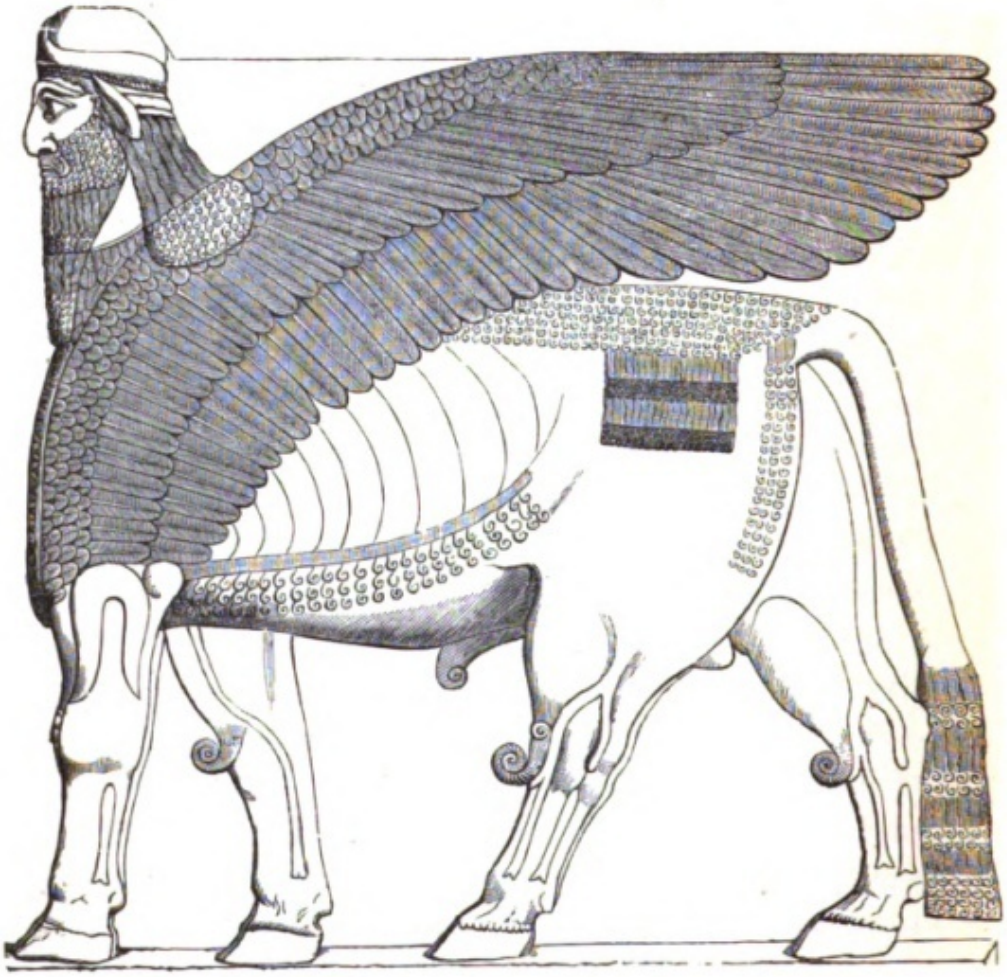

WINGED HUMAN-HEADED BULL. (N. W. Palace, Nimroud.)

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THE TOMB OF JONAH, KOUYUNJIK, AND THE RUINS OPPOSITE MOSUL.

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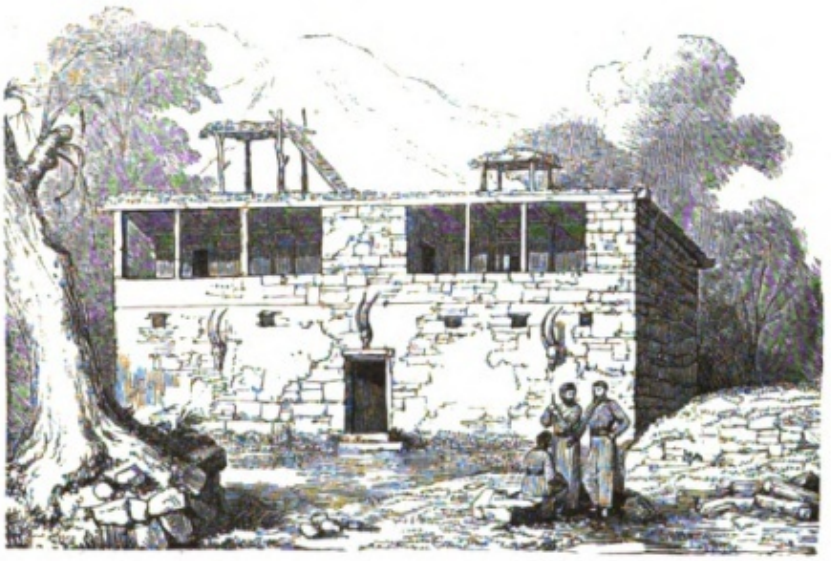
possible, they avoid the vermin which swarm in the rooms, and catch the night wind which carries away the gnats. Sometimes they build these stages in the branches of high trees around the houses. The winter provision of dried grass and straw for the cattle is stacked near the dwelling, or is heaped on the roof.



A Nestorian House in the District of Tiyari.

As this was the first year that the surviving inhabitants of Asheetha, about 200 families, had returned to the village and had cultivated the soil, they were almost without provisions of any kind. We were obliged to send to Zaweetha for meat and rice; and even milk was scarce, the flocks having been carried away by the Kurds. Garas was all we could

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