



fig. 8

fig. 9

The Afghan model is far simpler and consists of less parts. Furthermore the Afghan type always has a mouth-piece (reed) made of non-flexible material whereas the other types use a flexible tube to which is attached a small separate mouth-piece. The Afghans never use a flexible tube and always inhale the smoke directly from the reed acting as a mouth-piece. The Iranian/Turkish water-pipes are very often placed in a metal hood to prevent breaking but this is extremely seldom the case with the Afghan ones.

When smoking a water-pipe the container is first filled with water which is sometimes scented with different spices in the oriental manner to add extra flavour to the tobacco. This perfuming of the water through which the smoke passes is quite rare in today's Afghanistan and doesn't occur among ordinary people, a fact already mentioned



fig. 10



fig. 11