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Dedication.

THIS WORK

IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO MY COLLEAGUES OF THE

CONGRÈS DES TRADITIONS POPULAIRES,

HELD AT PARIS, JULY, 1889;

AND ESPECIALLY

TO THE FRENCH MEMBERS OF THAT BODY,

IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY,

AND UNFAILING KINDNESS AND COURTESY, BY

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CHAPTER I.

THE ORIGIN OF WITCHCRAFT, SHAMANISM, AND SORCERY.—VINDICTIVE AND MISCHIEVOUS MAGIC.



S their peculiar perfume is the chief association with spices, so sorcery is allied in every memory to gypsies. And as it has not escaped many poets that there is something more strangely sweet and mysterious in the scent of cloves than in that of flowers, so the attribute of inherited magic power adds to the romance of these picturesque wanderers. Both the spices and the Romany come from the far East—the fatherland of divination and enchantment. The latter have been traced with tolerable accuracy,

if we admit their affinity with the Indian Dom and Domar, back to the