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MY GENIAL COMRADE

FOR SIX ADVENTUROUS MONTHS IN MASAI-LAND

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KHEMANJARO COUNTRY, EAST AFRICA,
THIS VOLUME IS RESPECTIVLLY DEDICATED,
BY HIS DEVOTED FRIEND,

THOMAS STEVENS.

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PREFACE.

THE author of this unpretentious volume of East African travels, sport, and adventure, submits it to the public without apology, and without preface other than the expression of gratitude for favors received at the hands of many friends.

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On the dash up country to meet Stanley and Emin,

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