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INTRODUCTION.

THE favourable reception which the first part of my work has met with has encouraged me to bring out a second Volume, as promised in the Introduction to Part I.

Several friends have advised me to make the book more discursive and more adapted to amuse the general reader. I have thought it best, however, to adhere to my original plan, and to make this volume, like the first, a simple record of the not very sensational incidents which occurred during various hunting expeditions.

I have not lost sight of the primary object of my book, viz., to give faithful portraits of the various animals to which it refers. Circumstances have compelled me to omit two or three animals which I had intended to describe, but as these belong more properly to the Southern and Eastern parts of India, their omission is of less consequence. Should opportunities occur, I hope some day to produce a third Volume, describing the whole of the remaining species of "Large Game" which inhabit other parts of India.

One of my critics was good enough to say that my rifle was my "better half!" Since the first Volume was published I have made two more expeditions into Thibet, and it may interest my Lady readers (should I be fortunate enough to have any) to hear that I was accompanied everywhere by my wife. I mention this in order to show that the difficulties in travelling in remote districts are not so insurmountable as is generally supposed, and that any lady who enjoys a little adventure may accompany her husband if she can only make up her mind to undergo a certain amount of "roughing it." I need hardly say, however, that she must be a good walker and rider, and possessed of the "pluck" in which English ladies seldom fail.

My wife crossed some of the highest passes in the Himalayas, and traversed certainly the very worst paths, without any serious inconvenience. In Thibet she generally rode a Yâk, which, although slow, is more sure-footed than a pony, and is not so apt to go lame on stony ground. In the lower hills, when she did not walk, she travelled in a "dandy," which may best be described as a small hammock slung to a pole and carried by four men. A short walking dress (of course without crinoline) is the best costume for a lady. A soft felt hat with a good thick "pugree" is the best head-dress; while a mask or thick veil is absolutely necessary to preserve the complexion from the cold dry wind and burning sun.

My wife saw nearly every species of game in the wild state, and actually saw me shoot Ox Ammon, Thibetan Antelope, Ibex, Bears, &c.

The photographs in this volume, are, I think, still better than those in Part I. I have