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Preface

DURING the past few years, through the ingenuity of modern dredge-makers, some light has been thrown upon that great mystery, the abysmal region of the sea. Investigators have probed the ocean bed four or five miles from the surface, and by means of dredges have ascertained that this region, where the temperature is just above freezing, where the pressure powers glass, is inhabited by marvellous animals adapted to the peculiar conditions, and enabled in many instances to communicate one with the other by means of phosphorescent lights. The object of the present volume is to present a vivid picture of life under the sea as it is now understood by the aid of the deep-sea dredging of the British ship *Challenger*, our own *Albatross*, and the French ships *Talisman* and

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Travailleur. To accomplish this, a vessel something on the lines of the Holland submarine torpedo boat recently investigated by this Government, and supposed to be able to resist the enormous pressure, is equipped for a trip to the deep sea. The crew, as divers in search of the treasure of ancient wrecks, in their wanderings are brought face to face with the weird inhabitants of the deep sea. With the exception of the sea-serpent, all the animals mentioned are known to science or have been found by some of the expeditions referred to, and the description of their lights and habits compares with the actual conditions so far as can be determined.

C. F. H.

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