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VIEW OF GYUKSUN (COCUSUS) IN THE ANTI-TAURUS.

(Frontispiece. See p. 140.)

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AND MY COMPANIONS IN TRAVEL.

Most young authors on the issue of a book feel disposed to apologise for its existence, and I, being no exception, cannot refrain from pleading in part excuse for that which I dedicate to you the circumstances under which these chapters were composed. They have been written bit by bit at wide intervals of time, now on a steamer's deck, now at a khan, now in a mud hut, now in camp. I can only venture to hope that consequent defects may be balanced by a transient flavour of the East, by a little of its air and light caught here and there in a page. And perhaps you at least will be kind to them because I may recall sometimes scenes that you also saw and may not be destined to see again.

PREFATORY NOTE TO THE
SECOND EDITION.

CERTAIN of my readers have complained that I leave them too much in the dark as to dates and distances. My plea must be that the itineraries and results of most of the journeys, on which this little book is based, have been published already in one scientific journal or another. Some of those wanderings are not very recent, all have led me over ground very similar; and to have recounted them step by step must have led to much iteration, and made me exemplify that admirable maxim "*l'art d'ennuyer c'est tout dire.*"

I was first in Asia Minor in 1887 under