

WELCOME AND SCHOOL

Do unto others
As ye would
That they
Should
Do unto
You.

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MNYAMWEZI PAGAZI.

Through the Dark Continent.

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III.

UPON landing at Bagamoyo, on the mainland, on the morning of November 13th, 1874, we marched to occupy the old house where we had stayed so long to prepare the First Expedition. The goods were stored, the dogs chained up, the riding asses tethered, the rifles arrayed in the store-room, and the sectional boat laid under a roof close by, on rollers to prevent injury from the white ants—a precaution which we had to observe throughout our journey.

On the morning of the 17th November, 1874, the first bold step for the interior was taken. The bugle mustered the people to rank themselves before our quarters, and each man's load was given to him according as we judged his power of bearing burthen. To the man of strong sturdy make, with a large development of muscle, the cloth bale of

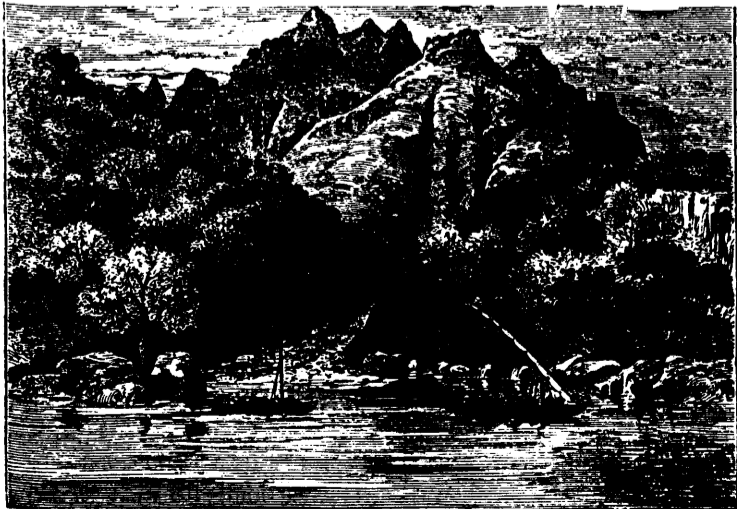
sixty pounds was given, which would in a couple of months by constant expenditure be reduced to fifty pounds, in six months, perhaps, to forty pounds, and in a year to about thirty pounds, provided that all his comrades were faithful to their duties; to the short compactly-formed man, the bead sack of fifty pounds weight; to the light youth of eighteen or twenty years old, the box of forty pounds, containing stores, ammunition, and sundries. To the steady, respectable, grave-looking man of advanced years, the scientific instruments, thermometers, barometers, watches, sextant, mercury bottles, compasses, photographic apparatus, dry plates, stationery, and scientific books, all packed in forty-pound cases, were distributed; while the man most highly recommended for steadiness and cautious tread was entrusted with the three chronometers which were stowed in balls of cotton, in a light case weighing not more than twenty-five pounds. The twelve guides, tricked out this day in flowing robes of crimson blanket cloth, demanded the privilege of conveying the several loads of brass wire coils, and as they form the second advanced guard, and are active, bold youths—some of whom are to be hereafter known as the boat's crew, and to be distinguished by me above all others, except the chiefs—they are armed with Snider rifles, with their respective accoutrements. The boat carriers are herculean in figure and strength, for they are practised bearers of loads. To each section of the boat there are four men, to relieve one another in couples. There are six riding asses also in the expedition, one for each of the Europeans—the two Pockocks, Barker, and myself—and two for the sick:



WIFE OF MANWA SERA.

for the latter there are also three net hammocks, with six men to act as a kind of ambulance party.

At nine a.m. of the 17th, five days after leaving Zanzibar, we filed out from the town, as follows:—Four chiefs, a few hundred yards in front; next



KUNGWE PEAKS.



THE EXPEDITION AT ROBAKO.