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An Adventure in North Africa.

EVERYBODY has read and heard so much about South Africa the past three or four years, it occurred to me that a short account of an incident that took place in the North of Africa some years ago, in which the writer was a participant, might interest your readers.

It was in June, 1869, whilst the Ship of War in which I was serving was lying at anchor in Valetta Harbour, Malta, that we received orders to proceed to the coast of Tunis, and make a special survey of the coastline and soundings of that coast lying between Tunis or Cape Carthage and the boundary of Algiers.

We were warned before leaving that the natives along the coast were very hostile towards foreigners, owing to the harsh treatment of them by the French in Algiers.

Our Captain considered that inasmuch as our work would necessitate the landing and traversing of nearly the whole coastline, it would be prudent to secure the good will and assistance of the Bey of Tunis. Consequently after leaving Malta we crossed over and anchored in the Bay of Carthage—just outside the little harbor where once Cæsar wintered his fleet.

The Captain accompanied by the writer, proceeded from here by boat up the Lagoon, a distance of about seven miles, arriving at the City of Tunis, which we found to be walled and quaint-looking, more Oriental in appearance and its