

AUTHOR'S NOTE.

It may seem presumptuous for an untravelled author to attempt to tell the story of the heroes who have bearded King Frost in his own peculiar realm; but should this modest chronicle of the adventures and sufferings of those kings of mighty men, who have successfully broken all previous records in Polar enterprise, tempt the reader to turn for fuller information to those true "human documents," Nares's "Voyage to the Polar Sea," Greely's "Three Years of Arctic Service," and Nansen's "Farthest North," in which what is here imperfectly narrated is set forth fully, my presumption may perhaps be forgiven.

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