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CHAPTER I.

THE FROZEN FIELD AND ITS HISTORY.

Land of the wintry wind and cold !
Icelocked is thy breast, the bravest and best
Shrouded in snow lie silent at rest,
Their sufferings and struggles untold.

IN the fascinating story of discovery and adventure two portions of the globe have had a special interest, one, the Dark Continent of the African Equator, the other, the equally gloomy regions of the Arctic circle. In the case of the former, modern explorers have rapidly filled up what used to be great spaces on our maps, and where civilisation has not yet planted her towns and communities, the footfall of the traveller has been heard in its lonely solitudes, and the secret places have been traversed from shore to shore. The mystery of Africa is