

on both the east and west coasts that remain to the present, although shorn of much of their ancient glory. At any rate, it is quite evident that the Portuguese were the first white men with whom the natives came in contact. Amongst the Temnes the name for a foreigner or stranger is *u-tsih*, but a white man is *o-poto*, and oranges are *ma-lemre ma-poto*, or white man's limes, the lime tree being *indigenous*. A certain kind of banana is known as *e-bana e-poto*, or white man's banana. Amongst the Kurankos the name becomes *porto*, and *porto banha* is a mouth organ. It is very evident, then, that a knowledge of the white man (not very white) penetrated into the interior through the Portuguese. After Portugal, Spain, Holland and France had each in turn lost the sea power that made them foremost of the nations and "Mistress of the Seas," had become the well deserved title of Great Britain, it seemed by tacit understanding that Africa came under the general suzerainty of our country. From the passing of the anti-slavery law early in the nineteenth century Great Britain's warships policed all African waters, putting down the slave trade, her avowed purpose being not to acquire territory, but to allow Africa to develop along purely African lines, and she therefore not actively interfering with the kings and chiefs, but using her influence at all times along the lines of righteous and good government.

This condition of affairs remained pretty much the same until 1881. In the meantime, however, the discoveries made by various explorers, but especially by Dr. Livingstone, had turned the eyes of all the world upon Africa; and modern interest in Africa may be said to have been born by the publication of his first book. This interest has grown and expanded until at present the Dark Continent bulks largely in every intelligent person's thought. Traders had settled upon her shores and missionaries were carrying the gospel to the tribes on the east and west coasts and in the interior northward from the cape. The traders were of many nationalities, and naturally flew the flag of their birth, so that gradually "spheres of influence," as they were called, came into being in the neighborhood of these trader settlements.

In 1882 Bismarck, to divert attention from internal affairs in Germany, and afford an outlet to German commerce, promulgated his scheme of "effective occupation," and at once seized upon the coast opposite Zanzibar, Walfish Bay, the Kameroons and Togo-