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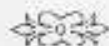
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## Dedication.

In Affectionate Remembrance of my  
Father and Mother this book  
is dedicated.

## P R E F A C E .

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"Experiences of an Engineer" does not, perhaps, sound alluring to the average reader, but I venture to think that in the story set forth in this book, much of interest will be found, not in my personality, which, after all, is only the necessary background, but in the description of matters of moment to those great countries, Russia and Egypt, at a time when Englishmen were comparatively little known there, and knew those countries still less. The question of nationality was the cause of my leaving Russia at a time when I held an important position in the Russian railway service. It was then that I went to Egypt, and there, as in the land of the "Great White Tsar," my experiences were decidedly remarkable, and I take leave to hope, will be found interesting. Much of necessity must be left unsaid, and if I had any cause of complaint against any person or persons in authority, I have, indeed, reason to look back with feelings of pleasure and of gratitude for many tokens of esteem and goodwill shewn to an Englishman who was practically alone in strange lands, absolutely independent, in Russia and in Egypt, of any party or clique, whose sole object was to discharge faithfully the duties of the honourable positions to which he was appointed. I entered the Egyptian Government service under the rule of his Highness the Khedive of Egypt, the late Ismail Pasha, and continued later on under his son, the late Thewfik Pasha, on the recommendation and at the request of the late Lieut-General W. F. Marriott, President of the Egyptian State Railways Administration, and it was in that connection that the most important part of my life's work may be estimated.

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