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To My Nephew
Jacob Cross

Introduction

“**D**DOUBLE-EAGLES,” boys, is a tale of fishing and treasure hunting and hairbreadth escapes: pleasures dear to your hearts—and mine. The scene is laid along one of the beautiful streams of Missouri. The time is “many years ago,” when the author, who is not inconveniently decrepit now, was of an age apt to imagine that every dark wood held a mystery at its heart and every green river “hole” concealed a “big un.” Isn’t this so?

The incidents narrated in this book may never have occurred; indeed, I fear grown-ups will tell you the whole story is an exaggeration. Maybe it is; anyhow, boys, (you don’t mind my speaking to you this way?) I can remember dreaming of these things and wishing they would come true. Perhaps you also dreamt of them; perhaps you also wished them to come true: perhaps? but there’s no perhaps about it! Well, then, get into the boat yonder—“old Sam Jones” has two—and come with us on this trip; “Ned Taylor, his brother Hal, and I” will be glad to have you—as witnesses. Are you on board? then shove off!

M. S. G.

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