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TO C. H. CRIPPS

FRIEND AND KINSMAN.

GRACE me these veld spoils rude with name of thine !  
Mine's been the luck not thine these long years now  
To tread the veld. What other use had'st thou,  
Hunter and Horseman, made of chances mine !  
Nor horns nor heads have I to give to thee,  
Yet spoils of sorts—veld spoils—I bring with me.

A. S. C.

*Eukeldoorn, Mashonaland.*

*October 11th, 1917.*



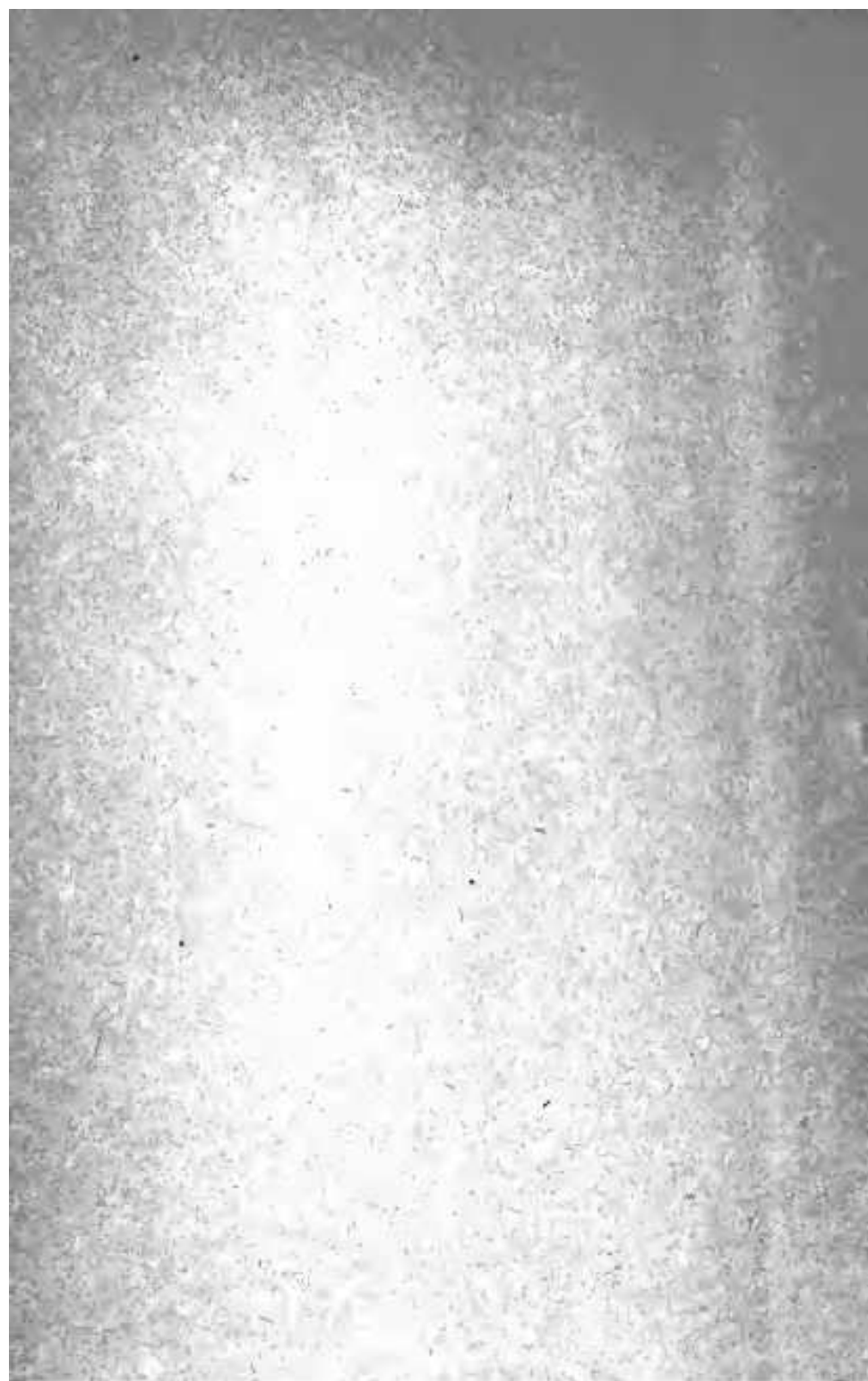
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## PROLOGUE

[AFRICA AND HER SISTERS.]

SOME fifteen years now I have been her guest,  
For all this land's hers, tho' she does not reign.  
She's but a ward, at what late age she'll gain  
Her freedom and her kingdom, it were best  
To risk no surmise rash. E'en now she's drest  
Sometimes in skins. Give her ground-nuts and grain,  
Cattle and thatch'd hut, then she'll not complain,  
She's happier-hearted than her Sisters blest.

Her Sisters blest ! Of them what shall I say?  
I like them better when they keep away,  
And toil in their own lands, not loll in hers.  
They use her ill. She's not so old as they.  
She drudges for them. But her youth confers  
A charm on her they've lost these many years.