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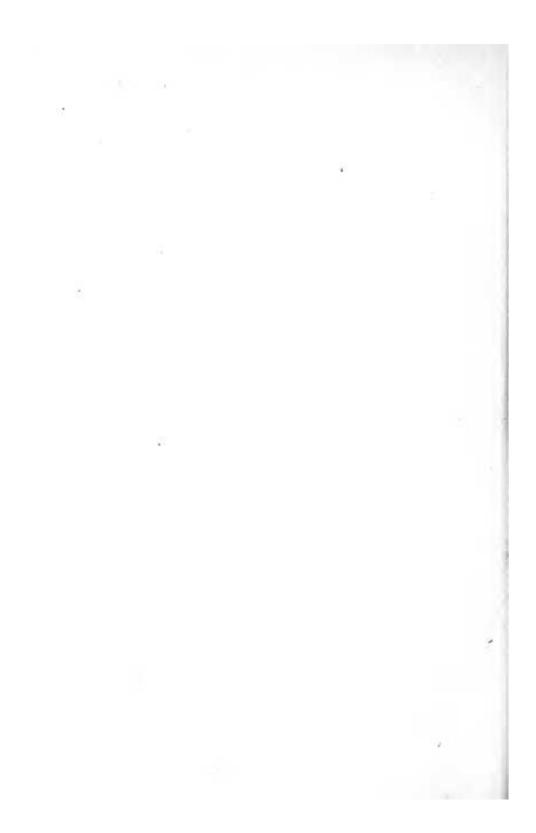
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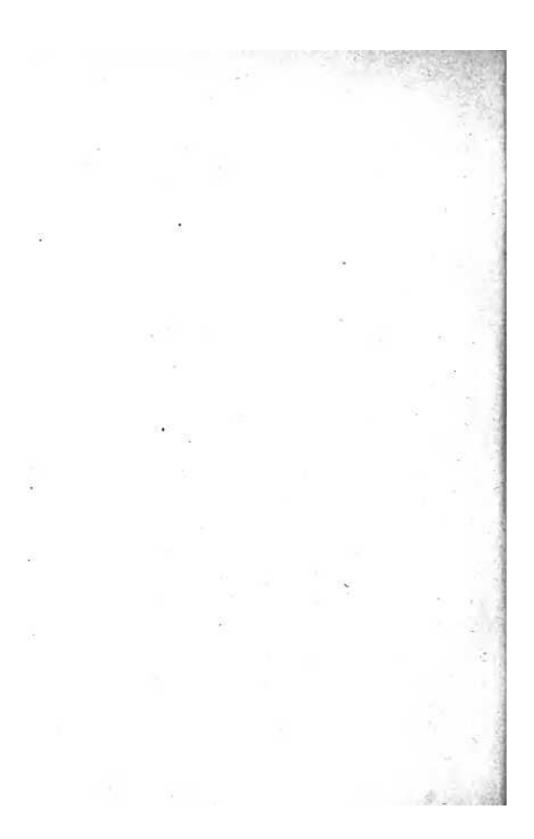
BY WAY OF EXPLANATION.

So far as the author knows, this book has no particular 'mission'; it was not even written to 'fill a long felt want,' and if any reader should discover a want that it does fill, nicely, he will confer a favor on the author by notifying him to that effect—by mail.

As to the title—THIRTEEN—the author claims that its merit lies in its atter irrelevancy.

As to the stories themselves, he wishes to say that they are reports of actual experiences, written up from his note-book, with such changes in names, places and minor incidents as his personal safety seems to require. Some attempt has also been made to expurgate the language sufficiently to bring it within civilized limits, without wholly losing its idiomatic flavor.

The author awaits the verdict of the public with trepidation, but meekly submits his work—and starts at once for the FAR EAST.



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