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IT WILL be seen from this narrative that to my mother and to my wife I owe much. I am indebted to the coöperation of Miss Willa Sibert Cather for the very existence of this book.

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I have said in this book very little of the last fifteen years of my life. Much of that time has been spent abroad, in travel and investigation in many countries. The most important results of these years I have tried to state briefly in the last chapter.

S. S. McCLURE.

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