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## CHAPTER I.

How Paul set out for the Country of the Dwarfs, and what he took with him.

IN the month of July, 1863, if you had been in London, you might have seen, in St. Katherine's Dock, a schooner called the *Mentor*, a little vessel of less than 100 tons measurement; and if you had gone on board you would have encountered your old friend Paul du Chaillu busily superintending the taking of the cargo, and getting all things in readiness for the voyage upon which he is now going to take you.

Captain Vardon, the commander of the vessel, was generally by his side, and I am sure you would have been happy to make his acquaintance, for he was a very pleasant man.

Everybody was busy on board, either on deck or below deck, storing away the goods. Boxes upon boxes came alongside the *Mentor* from morning till evening. These contained my outfit and the equipment necessary for the expedition.

Paul du Chaillu had an anxious look, and you need not wonder at it, for he was about to undertake a journey of explorations of about five years' duration, and had to think of many things. It was, indeed, no small undertaking. What an outfit it was! I will give you some idea of it.

Clothing for five years was to be provided; the very