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I

EL DORADO

ONCE upon a time an Englishman organised an expedition whose end and aim were to discover the hidden treasure of the ancient Jewish kings. He took advantage of all the classic artifices. A cipher indicated the hiding-place of the gold, the silver, and the precious stones. He was said to work in secret, and by changing shifts to keep his diggers at their toil day and night. One report declared that his motive was merely archæological. Another hinted that already the 'Solomonic regalia' had been placed for safety in his yacht. And whatever of truth there might be in this conflict of rumours, it seemed certain that the enterprising Englishman was putting into practice the sternly logical theory of the *Gold Bug*.

But like most other searchers after hidden