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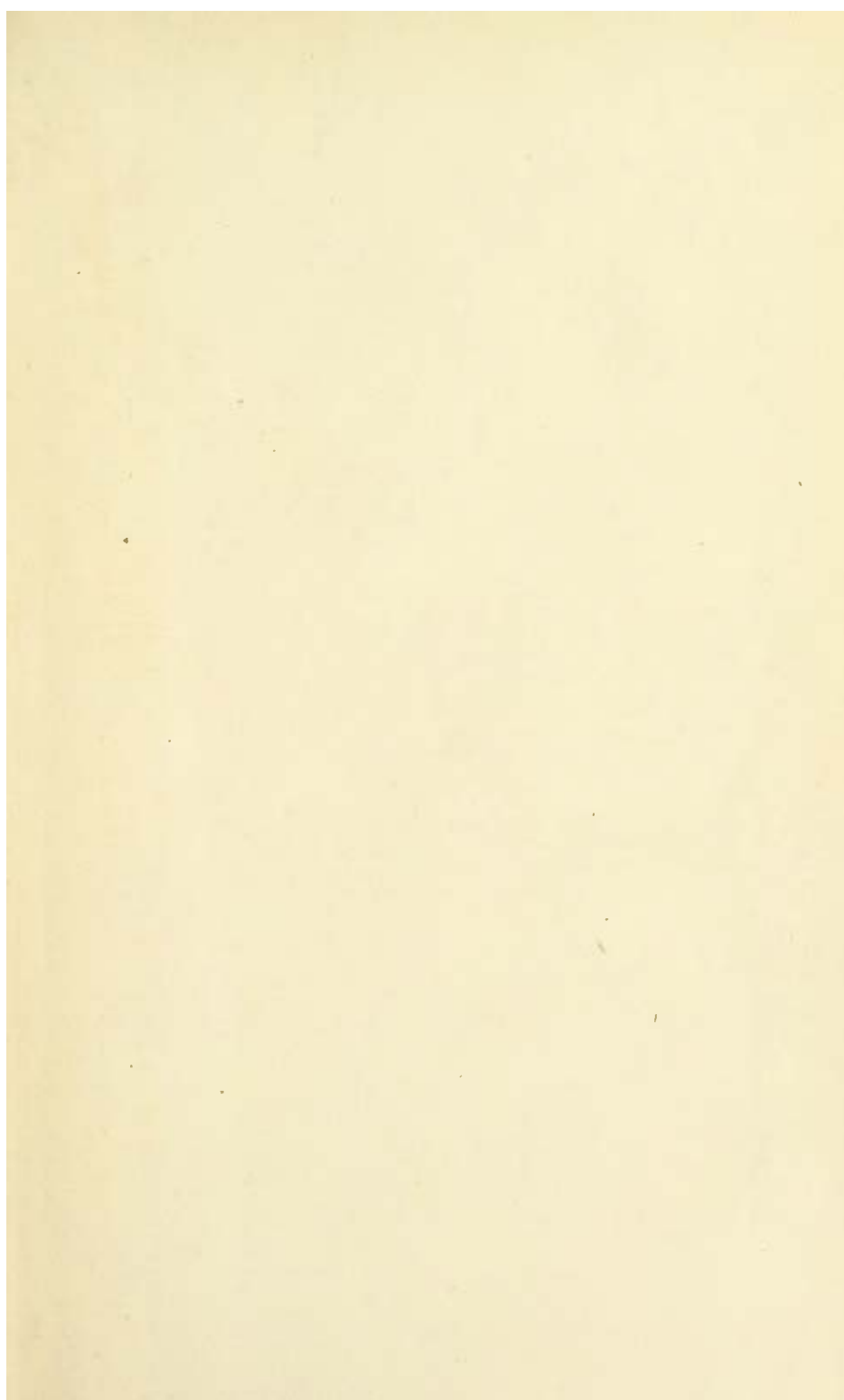
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IN March 1884 Mr. August Hammar, C.E., and myself undertook a journey into the interior of South Africa with the object of completing the survey of the Chobe river to its sources, and generally of investigating this unknown portion of Central South Africa.<sup>1</sup> Of the reasons prompting us to undertake this journey it is unnecessary to speak; therefore let it suffice the reader to know that I defrayed the expenses of the whole trip out of my own pocket, excepting the personal requirements of my companion Mr. Hammar. Usually parties proceeding to the interior equip themselves with the heavy ox-wagon, drawn by sixteen or more oxen, as a means of conveyance—a lumbering, four-wheeled concern, which, although enabling one to carry supplies and necessaries for a long period into the wilds, has the drawback, that for passage through untravelled bush country, such as we proposed to traverse, it is necessary often

<sup>1</sup> That I should bring to the notice of the reader events that transpired twelve years ago, and for that reason might be considered stale, may be justified by the explanation that since we were the first Whites to traverse this partly unknown country, no explorer has followed in our footsteps, and the regions of the central Chobe and the country we traversed from there to the Okavango still partly remain undescribed territory. Lying south of the Zambesi, and hitherto neglected as offering no material attractions, coupled with the fact of its being overrun by uncouth tribes, the country has been difficult of access to the ordinary sportsman. The increased attention devoted to South Africa of late induces me to put forward such information as we gathered, in the hope that some of the data may be of service to those who now are devoting themselves to the opening up of South Africa.