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quiere, says the Castilian proverb ; “ he who goes hunting, campaigning, or wooing, cannot leave off at his own pleasure.” So literary adventure, partaking somewhat of the nature of each of these pursuits, resembles them also in leading those who engage in it far beyond their first intended limits. If I have sometimes overtaken my readers’ powers of endurance, my hope is that I have at least opened the way to “ fresh fields and pastures new,” which a more skilful guide may one day render as pleasant to others as they have been to me.



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