

ADVENTURES IN THE GREAT FOREST OF
EQUATORIAL AFRICA, and the COUNTRY OF
THE DWARFS. By Paul Du Chaillu. New
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We have no desire to minimize the great work of Stanley, but surely we must give honor and credit to Mr. Du Chaillu for having been the first white man to penetrate into the heart of Africa, see the famous gorilla, the Fan cannibals, and the Obongo dwarfs. Thirty-five years ago Mr. Du Chaillu performed this courageous and hazardous work. It was, no matter what his motive, an enterprise that compelled him to take an uncertain risk, and run into untried dangers. He having done it alone, it was not so difficult for others to do it either alone or in company with other white men. This volume is an abridgement of a larger work of Mr. Du Chaillu, published several years ago, and is intended for popular use and reading. It is largely illustrated. The adventures thrilling and dangerous, the people savage and interesting, the fauna wild and fierce (of almost all kinds which Africa produces), the customs, superstitions, beliefs and trading passion of the Africans, the habits of the animals, are all vividly pictured in these half-thousand pages. This volume is fuller and broader than Drummond's, though not so scientific, and it is as full of romantic interest as Stanley's past volumes, and as his forthcoming book is liable to be. We do not compare these three modern African explorers, because they differ widely in personality, but as a pioneer Mr. Du Chaillu is to be crowned. His work, Drummond's work, and Stanley's work, with three such diverse and strong personalities, must of necessity be of a different kind; and yet each has a story of deep interest to tell concerning the Dark Continent, which is being rapidly opened to the light — let us hope — of civilization.