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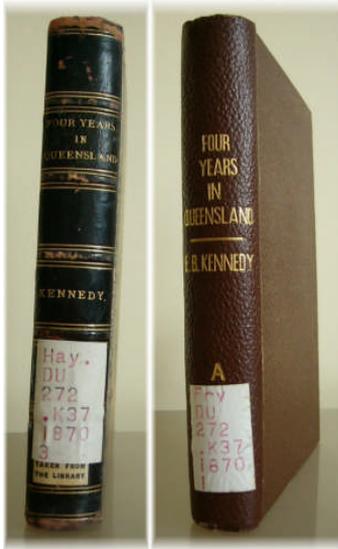
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CHAPTER II.

GENERAL REMARKS.—BUSH, CAMPING OUT, ETC.

THERE are a certain class of men who do the colony an immense amount of harm by running it down everywhere, without having fairly judged it: they bring out a little money and a great many letters, receive a letter of introduction to a squatter in the north, rush up to the station, stay there two or three months, come back to Brisbane, and either get a Government 'billet,' or go home after having spent most of their money by living in town. I have seen many of these cases. I asked one man if he had seen or done anything in the Bush, "Oh yes, I did some 'foot rotting,'" was the languid reply. They abuse everything, and tell everyone that the climate in the north is atrocious, and the mosquitoes fearful, and as every one knows, it is not so much the *expressions* which are used in running down or praising anything as the *manner* in which it is done.

Then there are those who are travelling for pleasure, and visit Queensland "to have a look at it."

When asked their opinion about it, they generally remark that they "do not see the use of a man wasting five or six years of his life, &c."

CHAPTER III.

THE AREA OF QUEENSLAND—CLIMATE, ETC.

It is not an idle boast to state that Queensland is the largest of the British colonies, possessing, as it does, an area nearly double that of Canada and equal to about one-fifth of the whole of Europe and its dependencies; it will thus be seen that there is ample room for a considerable increase to her population, without their being in each other's way. The Colony comprises the whole north-eastern portion of the Australian continent. Its seaboard commences at Point Danger on the eastern coast, and extends northerly to Cape York, a distance of 1550 miles, and thence westerly along the coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria, to a point where the 138th meridian of east longitude intersects the same.

It is not necessary to furnish a description of the southern and western boundaries, as without a plan they would be unintelligible; but it may be remarked that some of the settlements in the interior are fully 600 miles from Brisbane, which will give some idea of the extent of country contained within her limits. The area of Queensland is about 678,500 square miles, which at present (1868) gives an average of

paralyzed when his *lips* were drawn back, showing his enormous teeth; and when she saw a man get on the animal's back, she fairly fled, supposing man and horse to be one animal.

The weapons of the Blacks consist of spears of hard wood, some ornamented, others plain; the slender grass tree is also used for making them. Some of the northern Blacks use a "woomera;" this is a short stick with a hook at the end, which hook fits into a hollow at the butt of the spear; by this means the spear can be projected with tremendous force, the Black retaining the "woomera" in his hand.

"Nullah nullahs" are clubs of every size and shape, some of them rudely carved. The coast Blacks carry a vast wooden sword; and the "yelaman" is found amongst them everywhere; this is a shield, so thick and tough that it will stop a revolver ball. Boomerangs are of two sorts, those which fly straight and others which can be brought back to the place from whence they are thrown. A great deal has been written about them, so that I shall merely state that a Black has stood alongside me and thrown a boomerang so as to describe a complete circle round a clump of trees, returning to us, and striking violently a "pint pot" at my feet, performing the most graceful gyrations in the air during its flight,

CHAPTER X.

SQUATTING.

THOUGH possessing more faith in agriculture with regard to the future success of the colony, yet I base this faith largely upon the greater amount of rains falling to the share of those living on the coast country, where soil and climate is best suited for cultivation. These rains being denied in a great degree to the inland country.

As wool has been as yet *the* great export from Queensland, I shall commence with a few remarks concerning sheep. Taking into consideration the new system of fencing in the runs which has been commenced in Queensland, a brighter future may reasonably be supposed to be in store for the wool grower, if only that great enemy *drought* would keep out of the way.

Where this system of fencing has been resorted to in the other colonies, the yield of wool has increased from 2 lbs. per sheep to $2\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. and more.

The principal advantages the sheep farmer will derive in fencing his run into several enclosures, and allowing the sheep to roam at will, will be the supe-

CHAPTER XII.

THE DIGGINGS.—GYMPIE CREEK.

THE "Gympie Creek" diggings, situated on and about the Mary river, and roughly speaking, about 100 miles from Brisbane, and fifty from Maryborough, may be looked upon as the richest gold field that up to this time has been discovered in the colony, and "breaking out" as they did during a period of most severe commercial depression, these diggings may be said to have almost entirely saved Brisbane from utter insolvency; but for their discovery many of its business men would have gone into the Insolvency Court, whereas they have now branch stores on the diggings doing a thriving trade.

At the commencement of 1868, and when these diggings were some four months old, I visited them in company with some friends—there were then from 9000 to 10,000 men on them. The following remarks are from a journal I kept at the time. "We started from the interior of the Burnett district, during one of the hottest and driest summers

CHAPTER XIII.

DIGEST OF NEW LAND ACT.

THE new Land Act comprehends many principles which are entirely new in Australian legislation, and on that account may be looked upon as a subject of interest in relation to its future operation. The colony, generally, has, owing to the unsuitable character of the late laws relating to the alienation of Crown land, been almost unanimous in demanding a reform, and has also exhibited a most creditable desire to introduce such a liberality into the land policy, as would enable the highest inducements to be held out to all who were disposed to settle on the soil, at the same time protecting, so far as it was possible to do so, existing interests. Whether this has been accomplished or not cannot be a subject for discussion in this paper; but it has been mentioned in order that the introduction of provisions affecting the pastoral lessees into an Act, relating more particularly to the sale and freehold occupation of the Crown lands, should be fully understood. The practical working of a measure so fraught with power, according as it is administered, to improve

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