

travelled extensively — many times entirely alone and always unarmed — among different tribes, regarded by the civilized world as savages, and in a land where it was not considered safe for white men to travel, even in companies, without being well equipped with revolvers, knives, and carbines.

Though sensible that he accomplished little while travelling among them as a kind of outside *conscience*, endeavoring to exert a restraining influence over their wild lives, until, broken in health and constitution, he was compelled to forsake the field of labor, yet as his position of instructor in a wild Indian camp gave him an opportunity possessed by few of becoming acquainted with the red man in his rude home, and of studying his nature on his own native plains, he may, perhaps, be held excusable, if not justified, in thus intruding “still another book” upon the reading public.

Thus pacifying his own conscience, the author sends this volume forth to win a position, whether of honor or dishonor, among the thousands which have entered the lists before it.

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