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Its design is to give a connected view of the physical geography and ethnology of the areas comprised within the north and south polar circles, and of the progress of discovery by which our knowledge of these extremities of our globe has been attained. To keep the volume within reasonable limits, the different matters it comprises are necessarily treated in a summary way, but the numerous references to authorities will enable a student to go to the fountains of information.

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