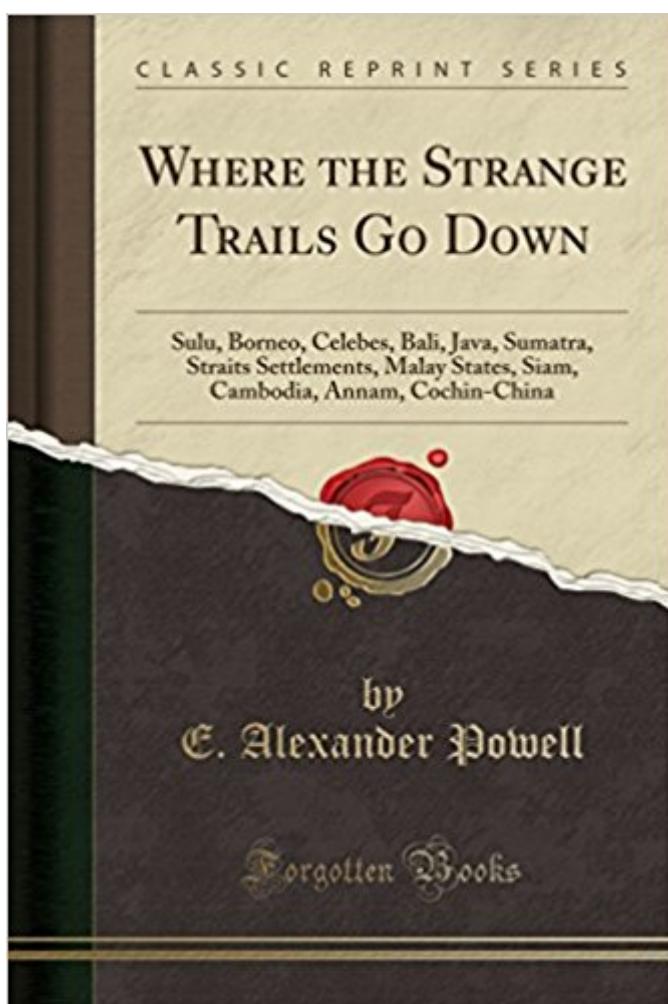


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When I was a small boy I spent my summers at the quaint old fishing-village of Mattapoisett, on Buzzard's Bay. Next door to the house we occupied stood a low-roofed, unpretentious dwelling, white as an old-time clipper ship, with bright green blinds. I can still catch the fragrance of the lilacs by the gate. The fine old doorway, brass-knockered, arched by a spray of crimson rambler, was flanked on one hand by a great conch-shell, on the other by an enormous specimen of branch-coral, thus subtly intimating to passers-by that the owner of the house had been in "foreign parts." A distinctly nautical atmosphere was lent to the broad, deck-like verandah by a ship's barometer, a chart of Cape Cod, and a highly polished brass telescope mounted on a tripod so as to command the entire expanse of the bay. Here Cap'n Bryant, a retired New Bedford whaling captain, was, wont to spend the sunny days in his big cane-seated rocking-chair, puffing meditatively at his pipe and for my boyish edificTable of Contents I Magic Isles and Fairy Seas i; II Outposts of Empire 25; III "Where There Ain't No Ten Command-; ments 50; IV The Emeralds of Wilhelmina 74 V Man-Eaters and Head-Hunters 99; VI In Bugi Land 126; VII Down to an Island Eden 143; VIII The Garden That Is Java 163; IX Prospect Rulers and Comic Opera Courts 189; X Through the Golden Chersonese to Elephant Land 208; XI To Pnom-Penh by the Jungle Trail 246; XII Exiles of the Outlands 270About the Publisher Forgotten Books is a publisher of historical writings, such as: Philosophy, Classics, Science, Religion, History, Folklore and Mythology. Forgotten Books' Classic Reprint Series utilizes the latest technology to regenerate facsimiles of historically important writings. Careful attention has been made to accurately preserve the original format of each page whilst digitally enhancing the difficu

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