

UNDER THE WAVES

OR

DIVING IN DEEP WATERS

A Tale

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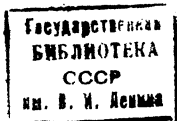
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PREFACE.

THIS tale makes no claim to the character of an exhaustive illustration of all that belongs to the art of diving. It merely deals with the most important points, and some of the most interesting incidents connected therewith. In writing it I have sought carefully to exhibit the true and to ignore the false or improbable.

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