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AND

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To whom all Advertisements, &c., are to be addressed.

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Adventure in the Desert.	Echoes from the School-room.
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Irish Schoolroom.	portance & Desirability
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