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Travelers' tales! In spite of the great authority of Aristotle, who said that there were snow-capped mountains at the equator, it used to be the style to smile at travelers who told stories of finding snow not only in Africa but practically on the equator. The natives used to bring down white stuff that melted into water. There are in fact many mountains in Africa whose peaks are covered with snow. The highest is Mt. Kilimanjaro, 19,320 feet, within a few hundred miles of the equator. To climb to the top of these mountains is very exhausting work. Clammy rocks, boulders, loose stones and sand are met with, to say nothing of snow, glaciers and mountain sickness.

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