

FIVE YEARS IN UNKNOWN JUNGLES

FOR GOD AND EMPIRE

Being an account of the Founding of the Lakher Pioneer Mission, its work amongst (with Manners, Customs, Religious Rites and Ceremonies of) a wild Head-hunting Race of Savage Hillsmen in Further India, previously unknown to the Civilized World

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WITH TWENTY-NINE UNIQUE HALF-TONE ILLUSTRATIONS
FROM PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY THE AUTHOR, AND ONE MAP

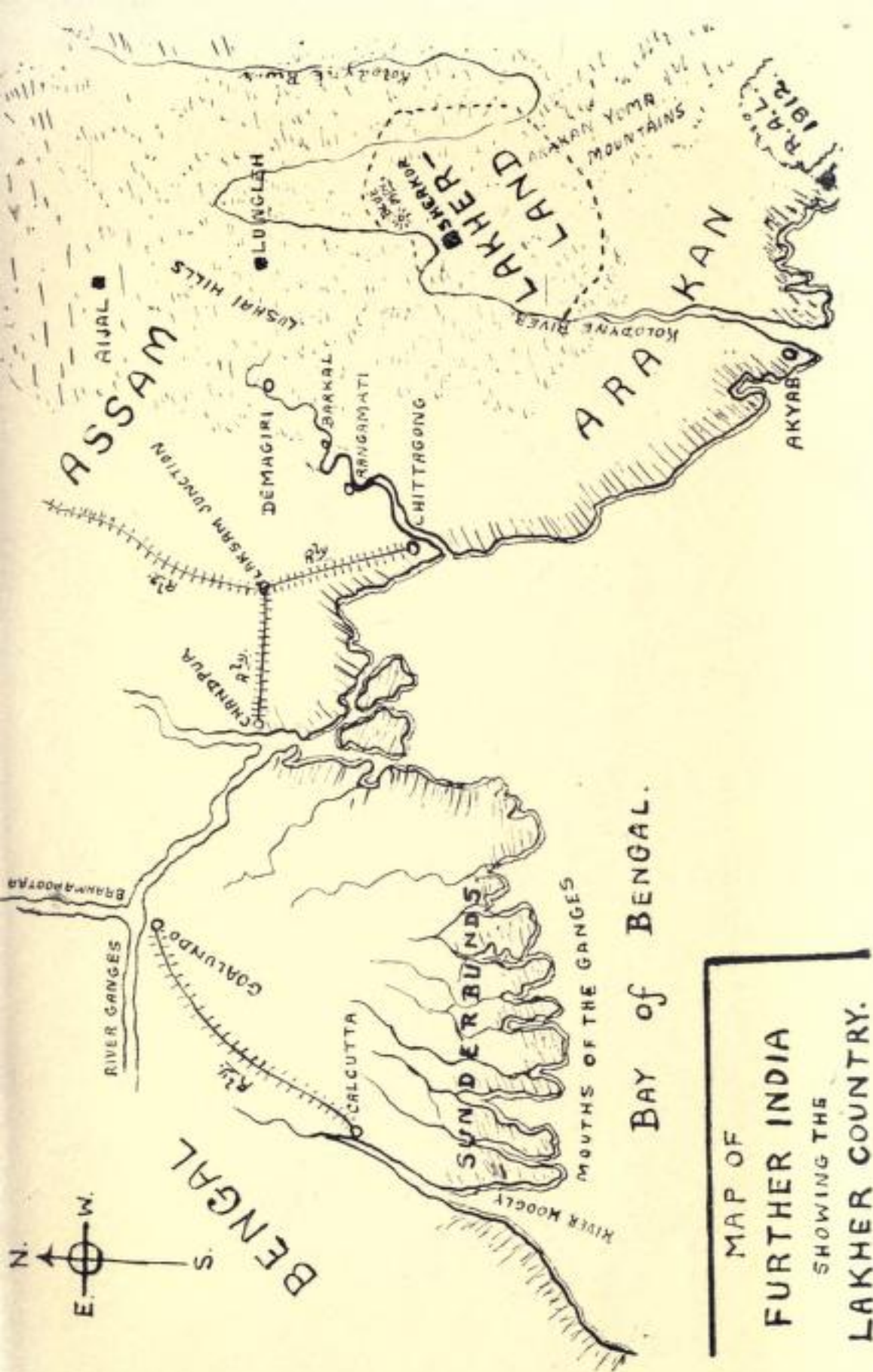
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MAP OF
 FURTHER INDIA
 SHOWING THE
 LAKER COUNTRY.

the native traders in the south for the sap of the rubber tree, bled nearly all their trees to death, and to-day only isolated specimens of the commercial rubber may be found in the country.

The most useful of all these products of the jungle is the Bamboo, of which there are six or seven species or more ranging from the size of a very small cane to six inches in diameter. Of all these species of bamboo, the "True Bamboo" is the most useful and springs up in the jungle singly, one by one, rising from twenty to forty feet in height. The other species of bamboo occur in clumps, a number springing out from the common root, and have a much thicker wood, but these are of very little use in the construction of houses, etc., while the "True Bamboo" is invaluable.

Throughout the whole of this dense jungle many wild animals abound, from the smaller to the greater species of the animal kingdom. Jungle Wolves, or Wild Dogs; Civet Cats, in great variety; the Barking Deer; the Sambar Deer; the Rhinoceros; the king of these jungles, the Tiger; and the largest animal of all, the Elephant. In greater numbers than any of the above animals appears the monkey, of which there are a number of species. The common monkey, such as we see on the organs in our English streets, abounds in these forests, the natives relishing the flesh of it greatly, and which resembles our mutton in taste, but is exceedingly rich eating. The long-tailed monkey is also found in large troops, whilst the Gibbon Ape is seen swinging from branch to branch, calling out with its weird, hollow sound. These Gibbon Apes have no tails, and are the nearest approach to human beings that I have ever seen. One thing I have noticed about these Gibbon Apes,