THE SLICING UP OF AFRICA

AFRICA is a territorial orphan. She is the abandonment more of Christendom than of any part. Her land has had to endure more than preying lions from those who would ordain her from her moral degradation.

Kindly Nature has been the tolerant whom Europe has always taken in the Dark Continent. It has been a case of giving the Africans an inch of liberty and taking an ell in return.

Enraged at Italy, France and Germany, Spain and Portugal, all have been most generous and impartial in their assistance for the welfare of the land of the ostrich and Kaffir. So much has been done because here in Europe in Christendom the merchant-owned African states from the Cape to Cairo that that even here Kaffir racing monopolies to be first in the field. In fact, they are at it hard. The Dutch and the British are at one another, and all sensible humans do not claim that the other is a stumbling block to the progress of civilization than is most the lot of the characters in the land of kind, and one more the

A MAP OF SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE HOWL THE DOGS OF WAR.

area of that without land will have to be remade.

The wonderful for Africa might well be called a modern miracle. It was not, indeed, until 1884 that Kaiser Bismarck outlined the territorial spoils to be won in the Dark Continent. Up to that time the only two Powers in Africa were England and France. But even there the great statesman foresaw that misfortune in a most lamentable form. Portugal, it is true, possessed some of the same, more in east and west Africa, but her claims, and feeble administrative power in all colonies of Africa made her practically a dead letter. A year afterwards, too, the claim that had been raised by a German private trader on the south of Wahn-qualand, in southwest Africa, it was a result and absolutely unprofitable succeeded at last, eight years in fact, on the edge of the wedge. It was the beginning of the wedge.

To go back to the beginning Africa, when the Roman empire fell and Europe suffered a retrogressive relapse, the stage of history so grievous would sweep the place and the Roman

was followed by the Jesuits, monks, who by the power of the Church established itself in the very heart of western Africa. This gave the southern tip of Portugal and the Spanish Canaries, and the Portuguese in the shores of the Atlantic Dark Continent. At the end of the sixteenth century Portugal was masters in south, the Dutch had turned quietly at the Cape, and the English, Germans and the French were, each in the southernly, northernly, eastern, Europe had lots of the Dark Continent. It was the southernly, northernly, eastern, Europe found lots of the Dark Continent. It was found lots of the Dark Continent. It was found lots of the Dark Continent. It was