

## MAP EQUATORIAL AFRICA

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To the natives of jungle villages the map makers are almost godlike; men who know all and can do anything. Doctors go with them; a wise policy that keeps the natives friendly and helpful. Equatorial Africa is a land of great natural wealth. The cartographers are mapping the way to its rapid development.