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Lady Florence Caroline Dixie (24 May 1855 - 7 November 1905) born in Scotland, was an explorer, writer, war correspondent.

"Across Patagonia" tells the story of her voyage across Patagonia (Argentina and Chile) during 1878-1879 with her husband, her brother and Julius Beerbohm.

It is a most interesting work in which Dixie tells her adventures and discoveries, describing very vividly the landscapes of Patagonia and the traits and habits of its dwellers.

Her hunting and exploration trips to the Andes and her stolid attitude when faced with the hardships of life in the open, in one of the most desolate regions of the globe reveal the energy of her character and her love for adventure. She was a pioneer in the exploration of the region and indeed the first European to sight the Towers of the Paine (which she called Cleopatra's Needles) and the lakes of the area.

The book includes an original thought on the role of Man in the destruction of Nature, right after killing a deer (huemul) with her rifle.

Dixie was a precursor in the Women's Rights movement and even held the chairmanship of the British Ladies Football Club.

The book is magnificently illustrated by Charles Whymper and George Pearson based on the sketches of Mr. Beerbohm.

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