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LEPROSY AND THE LEPER SETTLEMENT, MOLOKAI, SANDWICH ISLANDS.

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On a sea-level plain, comprising about 20,000 acres, on the windward side of Molokai Island, hemmed in on one side by the waters of the Pacific, which, washing over the coral reef, form a foamy white line, and closed in on the other side by a perpendicular precipice 2,500 feet high, is what is known as the "Leper Settlement" of the Hawaiian or Sandwich Islands. Before taking my departure from these tropical isles, I paid a visit to this colony of misery. I left Honolulu on Monday evening in company with Dr. Neilson, the medical superintendent of the settlement, and Mr. Freeth, the superintendent of the Honolulu Water-Works, who was sent by the Board of Health to report upon the expediency of increasing the water supply of the settlement. The small coaster, the "Lebua," on which we took our passage, only touched on the leeward side of the island. This we reached about daybreak, after a night's not very gentle rocking in the cradle of the briny deep, during which we were frequently refreshed by the spray from the waves washing over the bow of the craft. There were a few natives living on the beach where we landed, with whom we breakfasted on "poi and fish," and from whom we hired saddle-horses to take us to the "pali" (precipice) overlooking the settlement, a distance of some ten miles. After riding about six miles, we came to the