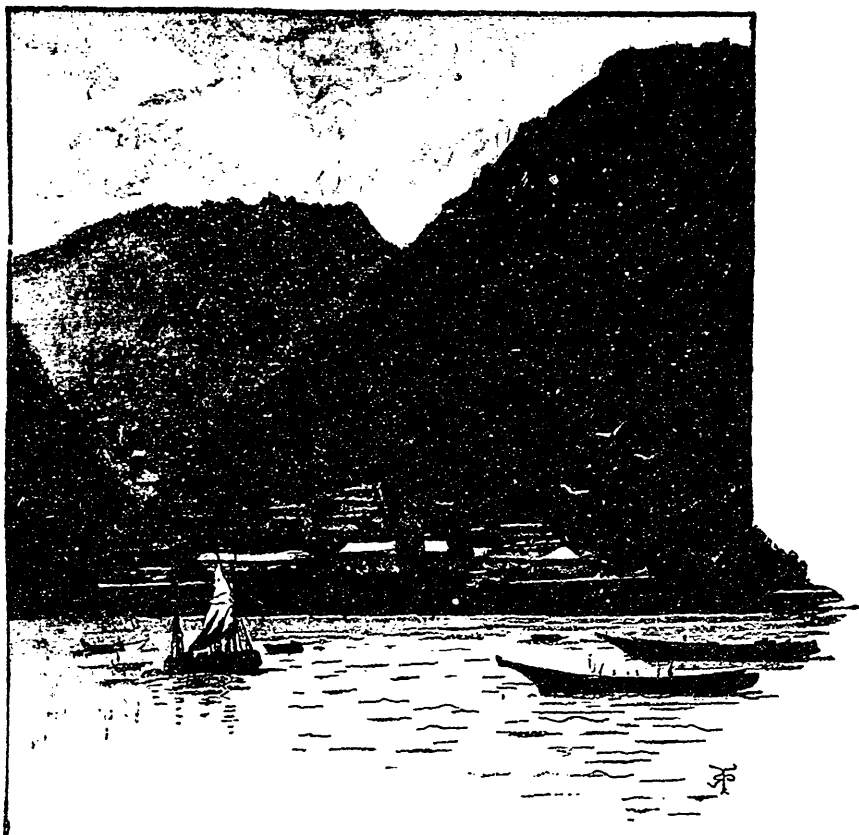




HARBOUR AT ST. HELENA.

oak, as though to give it shelter and warmth, so did these few loyal friends gather round their sovereign in his adversity, loving him more and serving him better than in the old days when he had but to attempt to succeed.

"We are but a handful," Napoleon said, on one occasion, "a handful in one corner of the earth, and all our consolation must be our regard for each other."

On April 17th, 1816, Sir Hudson Lowe, the newly-appointed Governor, arrived at the island, and was presented to the Emperor. If, under the new *régime*, the little party had looked and hoped for brighter days, they were doomed to bitter disappointment. The new-comer was a man singularly devoid of chivalrous instincts and brutally zealous in his capacity as gaoler. He brought with him permits for each of Napoleon's companions, which gave them liberty to leave the island if such should chance to be their wish; if, on the contrary, they decided to remain, they were required to