

fragrant avenues of peach, cherry, and plum trees in full bloom, over arched bridges spanning the bright blue river that flows through the heart of the city; getting here and there glimpses of the exquisite taste displayed in the gardens and cottages along the roadside. No model estate in England can produce structures in any way comparable with those which adorn the suburbs of Yedo. These charming little *chalets*, raising their thatched roofs amid numberless fruit-trees and creepers, were usually surrounded by flower-beds and artificial rockeries, laid out with exquisite taste. Frequently we met men, children, and beautiful girls, amiable, winning, and full of gentleness. All seemed happy, talking, laughing, and smiling—their greetings and salutations assailed us wherever we went."

The business streets run on for miles. The shops are filled with goods of the most exquisite skill and ingenuity,—the bronzes, carving, and fictile vases being often characterized by great artistic feeling. The Government officials of the army, navy, and civil service all wear European dress. Even the police and soldiers are costumed after the Western manner. The streets are full of life and movement; and at night the gaily painted and figured lanterns flitting to and fro, for the gas is not yet laid all over the city, make an animated picture. The dock-yards are fitted with every European appliance—steam hammers, forges, lathes, etc.; and the *Challenger* was laid up for repairs in a dry dock 400 feet long, as successfully as she could be at Sheerness. The hospitality of the authorities was most courteous, which the officers of the expedition reciprocated by a dredging pic-nic in Yedo Bay.

From Yokohama to the Sandwich Islands is a sail of 4,300 miles which occupied thirty-two days. Honolulu, the capital, is a town of 15,000 inhabitants with wide streets, hotels, stores, and churches, theatre, free library and reading room, fire company, Masonic, Odd Fellows', and Good Templar lodges, and half-a-dozen newspapers, quite like an American city. The new Legislative Assembly building cost \$120,000. The cut stone for an Anglican cathedral was sent out from Great Britain at a cost of \$100,000, but it is still packed in cases—while a high church service is daily held in a small temporary building. The