

The *Pisang* (*Bauana*) is here cultivated, but more for the sake of its fibres than fruit. Of the former, the women weave or plait elegant mat-like stuffs, or rather, perhaps, stuff-like mats. A piece of this fabric, when finished, is generally the shape of a Turkey shawl, one ell broad, and several ells long, with black threads interwoven at each end, forming ornamental patterns, and the ends of these threads hanging loose as a fringe. These cloths are sometimes dyed with *Turneric*, (*Cureuma*.)

Another plant of the *Mallow* tribe yields a stringy bark, which, in some of the islands, is similarly employed in weaving.

The *Paper-Mulberry tree*, and the bark cloths of O-Waili were unknown to Kadu. Much of the trade of Cap consists in a powder made from the rasped roots of the *Cureuma*: it is a general fashion, from Tuch in the east to Pelli in the west, to dye the skin with this powder; but this practice does not prevail in the groupe of islands situated to the south-west of the Pelews, nor at the Mariannes. The custom of preparing a sweet syrup from the sap of the *Cocoa Tree* is only known at Pelew; for drinking *cava* and using salt are alike unpractised in these islands.

THE ISLE ROMANZOFF.

The Flora here is poor in the extreme; we counted only nineteen species of perfect plants, (one *Fern*, three *Monocotyledones*, and fifteen *Dicotyledones*) and we do not think that many escaped our observation. The *Cryptogamous* plants, with which, in higher latitudes, vegetation commences, appear to be wanting here. The *Lichens* are only seen on the older trunks of trees, like a covering of dust; and the black powder which sprinkles the stones, seems not of a vegetable nature. Even a *Moss* and some *Fungi* which we found at Radack, did not appear at Romanzoff. The plants we saw were a *Polypodium*, the *Cocoa tree*, the *Screw Pine* (*Pandanus*), a *Grass*, *Scævola Königii*, *Tournefortia argentea*, *Lythrum Pemphis*, *Guetarda speciosa*, a *Cassytha*, an *Euphorbia*, a *Boerhaavia*, and an herbaceous kind of *Nettle*; all these being plants which we had found at Radack; and those which are wanting at the latter

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