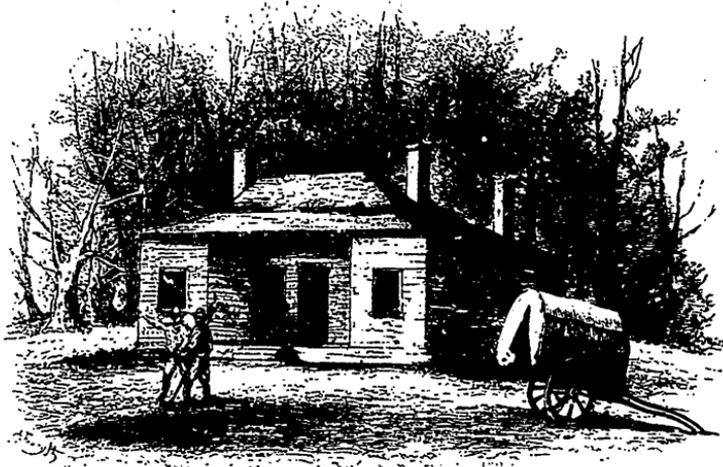


beside the path which was cut through the wood were several strangely-shaped and brilliantly-coloured flowers growing.

*May 20th.*—Ashore again. The wood at first consists chiefly of various kinds of banksias and "black boys," huge caecus-like shrubs, of which there are several sorts, some short and knobby, others tall and tufted with green blossoms. The eucalyptus is shedding its "well-formed cups," or seed-pods, from which it derives its name, all over the ground; the peppermint trees with their willow-like leaves; the paper-bark trees, off the stems of which the bark peels in flakes like paper, and with foliage like the yew. A number of black cockatoos, pretty grey honey-suckers, and other birds with bright yellow wings, were flying about. We walk up to the small shanty in which



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we are to stay. This consists of two rooms completely empty and with bare floors, each, however, has a large open fireplace and plenty of jarrah wood stacked for use during the night. Two grand wood fires are already burning, bright and dry, such a contrast to what we have had for the last few weeks on board ship. A small two-wheeled cart that has brought our mattresses and rugs, and what few things we wanted for the night, has arrived before us, and we proceed at once to make our toilet in the open air, for there is plenty of fresh water in the tank outside, and a small wooden trough does duty by turns for each of the party. Did ample justice to the fowls, minced kangaroo, the jam, cream, scones, and no end of beauti-