

Onamea, Hawaii.

This is a world of contrasts, and all the more beautiful because it is so. We are told that not even two leaves are exactly alike in form and shape, even upon the same tree; no two minds in such thorough accord as to be as one, and that even when two pairs of eyes gaze upon the same landscape, the one pair will see beauties to which the other pair is blind, all of which preamble goes to show that the *Advocate* is only following the law of Nature in presenting from time to time in pictorial form some of earth's varied scenes, leaving its readers free to choose which pleases them best. In our last issue we took them in fancy to the mountain peaks of our magnificent Rockies. This time we ask them to come with us to beautiful Hawaii, the "Paradise of the Pacific." Our picture is a fairly typical one of the islands of the Hawaiian group, about midway in the North Pacific, upon which civilization had left no mark until after their discovery by Capt. Cook, some 120 years ago, although in some vague records and charts, hidden away amongst the archives of Madrid, it is surmised that the Islands had at least been sighted by Gaetano about two centuries earlier. Evidently, the rest of Europe knew nothing about them, and the Spaniards themselves must have forgotten their very existence. Capt. Cook at once realized the importance of their position and the value of their resources. Barring a little thievishness, hardly to be wondered at under the circumstances (for it is opportunity

mental eye, the white sands girdling the Island of Onamea, to hear the refrain of the blue waves lapping the shore, to feel the breeze which causes the featherlike palm branches to sway gracefully over head, and to almost long for a plunge into the placid waters of the North Pacific. We say "almost," because a sea bath even at Hawaii is not without its drawbacks. The playful and voracious shark has to be reckoned with, and although the natives are reckless and frequent bathers, and white people are assured that if enough of them go in at one time, or even that one of them may venture in alone provided he makes a tremendous "splashing" of the water, yet we would not advise our readers, should they find themselves on the shore of Onamea, to take any risks. Go to Hawaii, if our picture tempts you to do so, but "ware sharks!" H. A. B.

Wedding Presents.

We have all of us read of, and sympathized with, the newly-married couple who, on "taking stock" of their wedding presents, found that they had seventeen butter dishes, twelve pickle stands, twenty-three butter knives, and ten dozen doylis. The tale may be slightly exaggerated, but there can be no doubt that many young people just starting housekeeping find themselves considerably embarrassed by the number of similar

Spoiling Love Matches.

When your son goes a-courting, or some young man surprises you by paying attention to the little girl you have always thought of as "little Fannie," pause awhile before you decide on opposing their desires and thwarting their hopes. And do not set your face against the match, and make the young people miserable, unless it is really right that you should do so.

There is so much sweetness in the continuance of one's first love—in having nothing to look back upon—no regrets, no old love-letters to tear up, or locks of hair to put in the fire.

A life hardly goes quite right that is cut down to the very roots, and allowed to grow again. Don't say "No" because you do not like the young man's grandfather, or because there was difficulty twenty years ago about that acre of marsh land, or because there was an argument between your aunt Priscilla and the girl's second cousin Sally, which ended in their not speaking to each other, and in saying a good deal against each other to make up for it.

Old feuds, old prejudices, of the stupidest sort, have parted many a pair whom heaven evidently intended to join together. And there are sour old maids and wicked old bachelors who might have been good, happy old couples now if some other old couple in the past had not interfered without good reason.



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which makes the thief), the natives appear to have been hospitable and friendly, and Capt. Cook considered them of a type superior to the Polynesians, with whom he had become already acquainted. The newcomers, history tells us, were not wholly without their share of acquisitiveness. If the natives coveted their more civilized weapons and tools, they, on their side, coveted and possessed themselves of the tempting fruits and foods which the Islanders offered in exchange. Reprisals followed, stringent laws had to be enacted, and it was in the carrying out of these laws that Capt. Cook lost his life, "stabbed from behind with one of the iron daggers he had so extensively used in bartering with the natives." To the older folks, who were geographically fed upon the old discarded school-books of the past, Hawaii was known better by the name bestowed upon it by its discoverer, viz., the Sandwich Islands, but if they have followed its history since Capt. Cook cast anchor there, when he was searching for a northern west passage around America, they will know that the Hawaii of to-day has gone through many vicissitudes, survived many internal disruptions, and is a flourishing little Republic, with nearly every advantage offered by the advanced civilization of this more fortunate

The peaceful picture we present to you creates almost a longing to visit Hawaii. It needs but little effort of the imagination to see, with the

articles—many of them of doubtful utility—of which they find themselves possessed. It is, I admit, a dilemma which it is difficult to avoid. Occasionally a younger sister of the bride can be "confidentially" consulted, and a hint obtained as to what present would be really acceptable. Then, again, old friends can study utility more than mere acquaintances. I know a dear old maiden lady, with a very large circle of friends, whose wedding gift is invariably a complete set of brushes—hair brushes, clothes brushes, boot brushes, and brooms of various descriptions. Her present is always acceptable, for it saves the young people buying such articles; and in every part of the house there is something which serves to keep the kind donor's memory green.

Another useful present for a bride is a toilet glove box, with a few pairs of really good gloves in it. The French have a proverb which tells us that a woman who is well gloved and well shod is well dressed; and to the young woman whose dress allowance is somewhat limited, such a gift is doubly welcome, as it saves her pocket, and helps to make her "look nice" during the visits which she pays after her return from the honeymoon.

The principal thing to be studied is the suitability of the gift to the social position of the recipients. Wedding presents should be chosen with care, and with strict regard to the daily requirements of the home which they are to grace.

Good Health.

DAMP ROOM.

To ascertain whether or not a room is damp, about a couple of pounds of fresh lime should be placed therein after hermetically closing doors and windows. In twenty-four hours it should be weighed, and if the lime has absorbed more than about 1 per cent. of water, the room should be considered damp, and classed as unhealthy. "Family Doctor."

GIVE CHILDREN FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE.

Children should live out-of-doors. They ought to be brought up in the fresh air and sunshine. Without it they droop and die, for "life is a sun child," and its beginnings cannot thrive deprived of its native element. In childhood the foundation is laid for mature life. Pale, delicate, hothouse children, when brought up in the heated atmosphere of the luxurious modern home, have no stamina for the future. A robust, hardy childhood, secured by plenty of outdoor life, even in cold weather, simple, nourishing food at regular hours, without meat, cake, sweets or pastry, clothing that permits of perfect freedom in the making of mud pies and other childish delights, besides the "early to bed" of the old nursery rhyme, would help to lessen the terrible mortality among children, and insure to them some backbone for the needs of adult life.