

experiences and felt we were in a new world when conditions of life, everything in fact, was so entirely different to our northern clime.

Never before had we realized the great extent of the Pacific Ocean, although in our school days our geographies did tell us that it was the largest ocean in the world and covered one third the surface of the globe.

Because of its vastness this ocean is interesting, but more so, perhaps, because of the numerous groups of Islands, large and small, which are scattered over its surface from the Arctic to the Antarctic circle. It is more of the Islands of the South Pacific of which we will speak at the present time. Those lovely tropical Islands where everything combines for their attractiveness. Earth, air, sky and sea are filled with beauty, and one feels that it would take years to exhaust this beauty. To one going among these Islands for the first time from another clime, the appeal to the senses is very strong, and even after leaving them and returning home you feel them calling you almost irresistibly. Of the glory and the beauty of the sunrise and sunset which we witnessed so frequently during our stay in the tropics it is difficult to speak. Soft clouds seemed to hang in the East in the early morning as if waiting to welcome the sun, and long before he appeared seemed to catch and reflect his glory, changing from softest white and grey to the most gorgeous colorings which gradually disappeared before the "King of Day." Again at sunset we had a repetition of this gorgeousness as the sun sank into his ocean bed, leaving behind him a path of splendor which, as it faded, gave place to the beautiful constellations of the southern skies and the "Milky Way," studded with its myriad stars. When in her due course the moon appeared to throw her soft beauty over these tropical scenes it was fairyland indeed.

All of these Islands are formed in one of two ways, viz.: by the working of the coral insect or through volcanic agency. This little coral insect appealed to us as one of the greatest wonders of the tropical seas. It belongs to the lowest order of animate nature and is so small that you require a microscope to see it. Yet it is used in the plan of the great Creator to lay the foundation of Islands or to build up reefs that withstand the mightiest forces of ocean. Surely we may take this as a striking illustration of the way