

1552 COOK'S THIRD AND LAST VOYAGE

the cape breed, and carefully brought up on board our ship, was killed by a dog ; an accident the more regretted, by its being the only one we had of that kind, and one only of the English breed was now remaining. On the 7th, at the close of day, we exhibited some fire works, before a vast concourse of people, many of whom were highly entertained, but the greater number were much terrified with the exhibition ; infomuch, that they could hardly be prevailed on to keep together, to the conclusion of the entertainment. A table rocket was the last. It flew off the table, and dispersed the whole crowd in an instant ; even the most resolute of them flew with the utmost precipitation. On Monday, the 8th, a party of us dined with Oedidee, who made the trip to the southward with Captain Cook, in his former voyage. Our table was furnished plentifully with fish of divers sorts, and pork. The hog, which weighed about thirty pounds, was alive, dressed, and on the table, within the hour. Soon after we had dined, Otoo came to us, and asked the captain, if his belly was full ? who answered in the affirmative. " Then come along with me," said Otoo. The captain attended him to his father's, where he saw several people employed in dressing two girls, with fine cloth, after a very singular fashion. There were several pieces, one end of each was held over the heads of the girls, while the remainder was wrapped round their bodies under the arm pits. The upper ends were then let fall, and hung in folds to the ground, over the other, so as to bear some resemblance to a circular hoop-peticoat : lastly, round the outside of all, were wrapped several pieces of cloth, of various colours, which considerably increased the size ; it being five or six yards in circuit ; and the weight of this singular attire was as much as the poor girls could well support. To each were hung two taamees, or breast-plates, in order to embellish the whole, and give it a picturesque appearance.

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