

THE FARMERSVILLE REPORTER.

A Reminiscence.

(Continued from last week.)

Next morning I awoke refreshed and ready for the excitement consequent upon the novelty of my position. The chief had already arisen and was sitting in the doorway taking a morning smoke. One of his wives was in attendance with some of the sweet sap of the cocoanut ("tuba," as they call it) for our matutinal beverage, a shell full of which she handed me with a smile. This was followed by our morning meal consisting of broiled flying fish, baked taro root and bread fruit accompanied with young cocoa nuts, the liquid of which we used in place of the Chinese leaf or Turkish beverage. I made a hearty meal and then took a stroll around the village and down on the beach. The tide was at its full and the scene which presented itself to my view was amusing in the highest degree. Scores of the natives, all ages and sizes, were taking their morning bath, some swimming, some lying in the shoal water with just their heads visible; youngsters skylarking and infants not able to walk swimming around their mothers, reminded me of the young seals in the Arctic ocean. It was indeed a lively scene. Being a good swimmer myself, I soon made one of the number, and seeing some men swimming out to meet the rollers as they came in from the outside of the reef and returning on the crest of the wave, I concluded to try the experiment myself, but not being well posted I took the middle instead of the third or heaviest roller (as I afterwards learned) which caught me foul and rolled me over until I was cousin-german to an indiarubber man, when the wave left me on its reflux. I did not try that native accomplishment again for a long time, I assure you. Later in the day, in company with the chief and some natives carrying a chest, we went about two miles to a point near a channel in the reef convenient for exit or entrance at low water (the tide rising and falling not more than 5 or 6 feet at spring tides). There was a very comfortable little house built different from the general run, having been, as I afterwards found, constructed under the direction of a former white resident. It was in the form of a cross, about thirty feet each way, divided inside into five compartments 10x10, set on posts about two feet from the ground, which gave the air free circulation below, and made it very cool and comfortable. One room was to be for the chief when his fancy inclined him to visit me, and the remaining rooms were for myself. My retinue consisted of six natives, and the "homestead" set apart and tab'd for my use consisted of the house I have spoken of, a native hut, canoe-shed, canoe, sails, etc., and about an acre of sandy territory on which grew nearly one hundred cocoa nut trees, three bread-fruit and a few pandanus trees. Underneath one of the rooms was a well, about six feet deep, which furnished a supply of water for culinary purposes (being a little brackish) at the flow of the tide twice in twenty-four hours. Our main dependence for drinkables being the tuba and the liquid furnished by

the cocoa nut. This latter before the nuts get full grown and when the shells are soft, is a delicious drink, and I think from the way I fattened on it, must be very nourishing. These trees are the main dependence of the natives for food and almost everything else. It furnishes them houses to live in; ropes and sails for their canoes and a main portion of the material for the canoe itself; oil for light and to cook with; from the sap or tuba, besides the savory beverage already mentioned, it can be boiled down into exquisite molasses, or, being exposed to the air, it ferments and becomes a very palatable vinegar. The ripe nut when scraped fine and subjected to pressure furnishes a milky liquid which, in coffee or tea, can be hardly distinguished from the cow's milk. In fact, the tree is the main-stay even for clothing. The young leaves smoked and split fine and knotted on twine made from the husk of the nut, forms a petticoat for the island belles, or made into a mat about four feet square, is the rustic suit worn by their beaux.

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