other a bit of ribbon, and so on.

that we built with our own hands

There is a wedding cake, too, made

tato and coctanut milk, baked in a

stove oven hewn in the rocks. The

health of bride and groom is drank in

only beverage used on the island, tea

and coffee being regarded as poison.

I am the only one who drinks either.

a tract of land upon which they set-

tle. Thereafter it is inherited from

generation to generation. My bride

and I went at once to work to clear

our ground for planting. Pitcairn

women are as strong as the men and

work beside them in the fields. They

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island is so seldom seen by any eyes and looked in vain for vegetation. freshly starched. If the bride is slen-25 degrees south of the line and prac- island was a couple of paroquets and tically out of the world, and doubt- a few cocoanut trees. We lay there resident there of foreign birth. To the gale, then steered for Pitcairn in ter, who was engaged to the minisme it is God's country. Fate tossei a heavy swell and strong wind. me, a starving, ship-wrecked cast- Luck was with us. The next mornaway, upon its shores, nearly a quar-ter of a century ago. I found it a and never were poor wretches more haven of peace. My life there, and grateful, for we though every minute the romantic reasons that led me to that the heavy swell (there is a danchose so small a spot in the vast gerous undertow at Pitcairn and the ocean for my home, 4,000 miles dist- breakers are always rough, would aut from America, my native land, I-capsize our boats; but the people now relate in detail for the first time came off to meet us, shouting, "Boat at request of "The Sunday Examin- ahoy!" They gave us some oranges

score years ago, of old-time New escort us through the surf. was twenty-one when the Civil War lost a man. broke out and enlisted in the navy. As we made shore and went up to ing for several seasons.

Now, on one of my trips in a sperm for food supplies, and the crew went tants.

me then, although I had no more second generation of the Bounty's muidea of settling there than I had of tineers. No more cheerful place could settling in Africa or the moon. We be imagined. The vegetation was found the natives a most hospitable, luxuriant, there was abundance of kindly, well-educated and industrious cold, pure spring water. It was the people, with scarcely any trace of same delightful spot that I had seen Tahitian blood, and of English speech years before, but where was the pretliving under self-made laws and con- ty child who had sat on my knee? fining their religion to one creed, that A beautiful maiden with rosy cheeks of the Episcopal church.

settled in 1790 by the mutineers of childhood. From the moment I saw the Bounty, an English ship. One her my interest in Pitcairn increased, mutineer, John Adams, being repriev- and the "old, old story" was repeated by the Queen, chose the island for ed in the very last corner of the earth his home, married a young Polymesi- where a man might expect to find a an woman, reared a family, inculcat- wife. ed the people with English ideas, taught them the Christian religion-

the islanders. retreat I noticed particularly a strik- peculiar and unlooked-for return to ingly pretty little girl, daughter of Samuel Russell Warren of Providence, associations would always be of the R. I. Her father and I became ac- best. No temptations could befall a quainted in the hearty informal fash- man here. There were no serpents in ion that is characteristic of Pitcairn this Eden. Among its righteous, folks, and the child sat on my knee kindly, simple-hearted, thrifty people while we talked. She had beautiful I decided to cast my lot. hair of a light brown color, large, quisite fairness. Mr. Russell had mar- mates away. His wife was a daughter of an old name ever given to a woman.

Boston, and started for there by way thing whatsoever in return. of England in the ship Arcadia, which Mary's mother was the daughter of was to go to Australia first. "Man an old mutineer's son named Thursproposes, but God disposes." I was day October Christian, so called be-Arcadia's chronometer being out, she of the month could be determined at was wrecked on Ducie reef, about 500 the time he was born. It must be not have been better off.

and let one drift.

the sea on a 500-mile trip in an open But here again I am getting ahead boat, followed for days by dozens of of my story. I have not told you hungry sharks, watching out of their how Mary became my wife. wicked eyes and figuring what sort of When folks get married on Pitcair a a dinner you will make, you cannot they don't go away on wedding tours land, 700 feet of sheer cliff, with asunder. Like the folks in the fairy

to windward and managed by a hair's mony of the Church of England. You

and other fruits to sharpen our teeth Born in Boston more than three- on, then put men into each boat to

Two years were spent in Farragut's the settlement I thought I had dropof the war I came to San Francisco say right here that I have never tell you that goat meat down there to try my luck in the new West. No- changed my opinion. I could smell is better than chicken up here, the in every way possible. thing else offering itself, and having the fruits before I saw them-banan- flesh white, tender and delicious. a fondness for the sea, I went whal- as, oranges, pineapples. Everything was peace, plenty and perfect tropical beauty of landscape, with pure, inwhaler I visited Pitcairn island un- vigorating air. The crew was disexpectedly, our ship touching there tributed by threes among the inhabi-

At that time, in 1880, there were The charm of the place came over about 130 people on the island, the

was pointed out to me as Mary. She As everybody knows, Pitcairn was had fulfilled every promise of her

"Where," I argued to myself, "should I go to find greater happiin a word, made a model colony of ness than right here? Besides, if ever the hand of fate controlled man's Among the children in this tropical actions, surely it was meant that my the island would be permanent. My

A passing ship coming along a bright gray eyes and a skin of ex- fortnight later, took some of my ship-Pitcairn was an ideal ried a native and settled on Norfold place, they thought, to take refuge island, later removing to Pitcairn. in, but not to anchor in. I had seen enough of the world by that time to mutineer's son. The little one's name satisfy me, and my shipwreck experiwas Mary. I thought then, and I ence had effectually cured me of fondthink now, that Mary is the sweetest ness for the sea. Besides, there was my Mary. Gradually the others de-When my ship sailed away I felt parted. Nothing could have exceeded sorry to leave. Mary waved me a the hospitality and generosity of the smiling goodby. I never forgot her people toward my mates and myself. face. I never will, although our They gave up their beds for us to youngest daughter—but I am getting sleep in. Out of their scanty supply ahead of my story. Several years passed. Tiring of my able; but it has always been their occupation, I concluded to go back to disposition to lend aid and ask no-

destined never to reach Boston. The cause that was the nearest the day miles from Pitcairn. Ducie is a bar- remembered that we are not supplied ren, uninhabited island, rising but a with calendars every year down in dozen feet or so above water. A ter- Pitcairn, as San Franciscans are on rific storm made it impossible for us every hand. Mr. Christian was livto land, so we remained two days in ing when I left. He was ninety years open boats, battling with the break-old and as spry as a boy. There is ers. Even if we had landed we would no such thing as disease or sickness there. People die only of old age. We knew that Pitcairn was the near- The sole exceptions to this rule that est inhabited island and resolved up- occurred in the nineteen years I lived on desperate efforts to make it. There there were when fever broke out were twenty-six of us in three boats. among some ship-wrecked sailors of It began to blow so hard that we the Bowden, and we caught the epihad to put all hands into two boats demic, which carried off twelve of our little band. That has been our only If you were never at the mercy of affliction. My family all recovered.

appreciate our predicament. We had because there is nothing to tour in fresh water, hard bread and carmed but fishing boats. They don't spend meats from the lost ship, which we a fortune in trousseaux and welding hoped would last us to Pitcairn. Four gifts, because there is no buying nor days later we got, into a heavy selling of any sort on the island, no ground swell and I told the mate we money exchanged excepting what litwere near land. Fifteen minutes al- the goes to purchase necessaries from terward the thick fog about us lifted a ship, and no shopping, because there and revealed the appalling fact that are no stores. Yet, without an exwe were going straight into the jaws ception, those whom God joins toof death, for there was Elizabeth is- gether on that island no man puts

waves breaking over it masthead tales, they live happily ever after. My bride was fifteen years old. We Altering our course we tried to get were married according to the cerebreadth to keep from dashing against ladies who figure for weeks before-

and how it will be trimmed will and tools there are obtained from a magistrate, judges and councilmen. smile, perhaps, when I tell you how time to time from passing traders, There is no quarreling, no smoking, smile, pernaps, when I tell you now time to time from passing trauets, I have a man swears and station."—Philip Cook Comtion. There is just one wedding dress brothers-in-law helped me with the is fined four shillings, which he must

cause the beauty of that wonderful stood guard till daylight then landed dress is worn, spotlessly white and der the draw-string about her waist terward corn was introduced; it grows birthday-but I am an American yet summer there, warm rains falling in We have a Christmas tree, and each blessed our union, and were educated supper as we can get together-meat, plain silver band on the island which at school in English, the only langu- fish, sweet potatoes, cake without does duty at all ceremonies and is age spoken there. There were eight flour and fruit. laid away until the next one. And in all-first Florence, then Isabella, There were 179 persons besides myas for the wedding gifts, each woman Eugene, Freeman, Esther, Philip, looks over her simple little posses- Hyacinth and Eldon; four boys and has been my task to do the sail-

esque and irregular. On Outlook garee"-blue drilling trousers and the men on church or other special

There are no horses or cows on the island. We do our own hauling and I decided to come back to civilizaof grated cocoanut, grated sweet po- are as hardy as men can be.

salary. Everything is free as the air. ment. I went in a brig to Tahiti All that we have learned is taught to and thence to San Francisco in a sparkling spring water. Water in the our children.

day Advent religion. On the Sabbath no work whatever is performed. tree. All food is prepared the previship come in on Sunday we go out with what fruit is already gathered. We attend church and hold meetings ly developed though not in the least much as people up here do their grand masculine. Mary could do as much work as three of the average men in opera. There is a public library, where every scrap of newspaper is this country, and I have repeatedly seen my eldest daughter go up a hill carefully filed, with such books as We work well, eat well, we have. with a 200-th. sack of potatoes over

her shoulder, and think nothing of it. sleep well. Our public medicine chest is scarce tilled our soil, and built our house of ly ever opened, excepting to see if its island lumber, I felling and sawing supplies have spoiled and need re the trees and she assisting me in plenishing. Our government is a

hand what your wedding dress will be putting the boards together. Nails parliament consisting of seven men. Charles Foley, I will "drop by

Pitcairn is a veritable Garden of the rocks. Getting under the lee of bard" of the material called dotted bard" of the material called dotted swiss muslin. At each wedding this cause the heauty of that wonderful stood guard till daylight then landed

self when I left, and 31 families. It article of use. One gives a comb, an- The contour of the island is pictur- in straw hats and "hickory and dun-Everybody on the island celebrates, Ridge the highest point is reached, cotton shirts. Our law books are after the ceremony in the church, about a thousand feet. The settle- read to us in assembly once a month, ment, called Adamstown, is situated so that ignorance of law may not be and whose interior woods—beautiful- on a plateau some 400 feet above sea an excuse. If women violated laws ly grained native woods-we have level, with its cultivated fields and they would be punished, but our ing well reared and well educated. I and although badly used up, had not polished until they shine. The best gardens. Each family has a sugar woman are models. They are scruwe wheel it down to the millhouse, a kets from palm leaves and pain shells whistle is blown for signal and all the to sell and trade with. There is one Each family kills a goat, and let me men gather to help grind, carry juice organ on the island, played by ear, In an unlucky hour three years ago

> tion, in order to get a small sum of Nobody is lazy. Nobody draws a prize money due me from the governbrig, through the kindness of Consul Some years ago a missionary brig Doty. I was delayed here sixteen came to the island and the inhabi- months, working meanwhile, until the tants were converted to the Seventh- first payment came. Leaving power of attorney for the rest to be forwarded to my wife, I bought some Not even a banana is picked from a necessaries, also clothing, a few trinkets and toys and dolls for the childous day. Not a fire is lit. Should a ren, which, though inexpensive, would seem so marvelous to them. Once a vear an English ship stops at Pitcairn via Australia. Working my during the week and have little en- passage, I sailed in the Siberhorn. tertainments that we enjoy fully as Within sight of my home the ship was forced to abandon landing on account of the wind and dangerous sea, and I Address, - General Deliver, was carried, heart-broken, away to England. Eleven months later the

Silberhorn reached this port. Once more I will begin the long ovage to Pitcairn. I shall be the appiest man alive when I rejoin my amily and friends. There, in the ords of my sailor friend Captain

chors, pay out all chain, and a like a government lightship to h

"You wouldn't think that I al. have a daughter who is old enque he married, would you?" she are

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