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2. The chief products are the bread-fruit, yam, taro root, sweet potato, plantain, banana, and cocoa-nut, besides various fruits, comprising oranges, lemons, citrons, pine-apples, figs, &c.

3. The people of Polynesia are often called the South Sea Islanders: they are in general mild and gentle, yet fierce and warlike when stimulated by interest or revenge; and their wars have been carried on with such ferocity, that some islands have been entirely depopulated. The cruel customs of sacrificing human beings, eating human flesh, and the murder of infants, were common, and were sanctioned by their native religion.

4. The LADRONE ISLANDS were the first known to Europeans of any in this region; having been discovered by Magellan in 1521. The original inhabitants have been nearly all exterminated by the Spaniards. The CAROLINE ISLANDS are situated in a tempestuous ocean, and exposed to furious hurricanes. Both these groups belong nominally to Spain.

5. The SANDWICH ISLANDS are the most important of this region. Hawaii, or Owhyhee, the largest of the group, is nearly the size of Connecticut. The people, in 1813, destroyed their idols, and in the following year the Christian religion was introduced by American missionaries.

6. A large proportion of the inhabitants have been taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, by the missionaries. Churches have been erected; the press is established, and the Scriptures, school-books, newspapers, &c., are printed in the language of the country.

7. The town of Honolulu, in the island of Oahu, is the capital of the Sandwich Islands; it contains about 7000 inhabitants, of whom 300 are Americans and English. Many American and European ships are always in port; some small vessels belong to the natives. Lahaina, on the island of Maui, is also a considerable town.

8. The MENDANA ARCHIPELAGO comprises the Marquesas and Washington Islands: they are very fertile, and furnish food to the inhabitants almost without labour; the people are among the most finely formed of any known race, and are but little darker than Southern Europeans. They are now, or were very recently, cannibals. The Marquesas Islands have been taken possession of by the French.

9. The SOCIETY and GEORGIAN ISLANDS were the first in Polynesia of which the inhabitants embraced Christianity. Eimeo is the chief station of the English missionaries. Otaheite, or Tahiti, the largest of the Georgian Islands, is governed by a queen. Papea is the capital. Dancing, once the chief amusement of the people, was performed on all occasions of pleasure, worship, state, or ceremony, but is now less practised.

10. The PEARL or PAUMOTU ISLANDS comprise an extensive range of small islands; they are but little known, and many are uninhabited. The AUSTRAL, HERVEY, and PALLISER ISLANDS are situated at various distances from Otaheite; the people speak a language similar to that of the Otaheitan, and have all been converted by the missionaries.

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