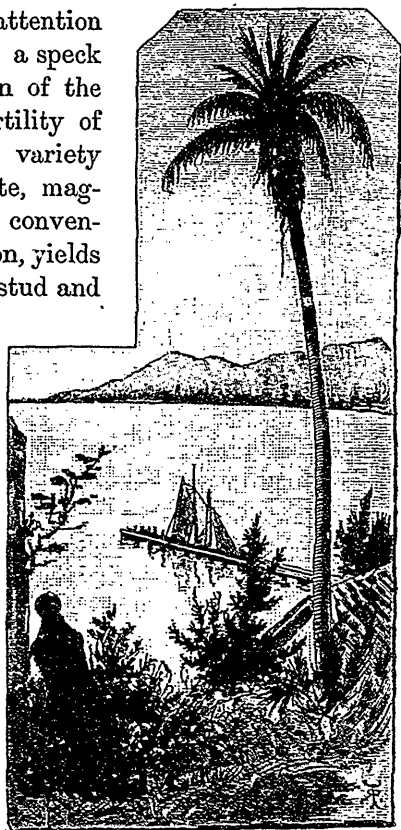


JAMAICA AND ITS PEOPLE.

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JAMAICA is deserving of attention on many grounds. Though a speck on the map, it is the queen of the British Antilles; and in fertility of soil, riches of productions, variety and salubrity of hill-climate, magnificence of scenery, and convenience of geographical position, yields to few of the islands that stud and gem the globe. When Central America is canalled for shipping, and the Caribbean Sea becomes the highway of the world, what benefits must such an island as Jamaica at once receive and confer! With plains so fertile, with hills and mountains so noble and fruitful, with ample shelter throughout its coast for shipping, with English language, laws, and institutions, and, above all, with the light and power and purity of the Christian religion, Jamaica cannot sink. She will doubtless emerge from the shadows of adversity, to combine secular prosperity with political liberty and Christian truth and life.

Who that has seen this noble island and lived in it can disregard or forget it? Many years have rolled away since we saw its glorious chain of hills recede from our vision, and still more have gone since we caught the first glimpse of its proud appearance; and though we may never have the pleasure of



VIEW FROM THE OLD ROCK FORT, JAMAICA.