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Past its willow-bordered shore,
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Laden with its sweets galore.
Hush! the river-reeds are whispering,
In voices full of sweet content,—
See the sedges gently swaying,
By the wind's caresses bent.
Silvery threads, of spiders' weaving,
Floating o'er the shady stream;
Thro' the foliage thick o'erhanging,
Struggles down a golden beam.
On a mossy bank reclining,
Fancies wandering far astray,
Dreamily I stop to wonder,
What the murmuring ripples say.
Shyly too the tree tops bending,
As the soft winds o'er them pass,
And I hear the same sweet language
In the rustling of the grass.
'Tis mother nature's gentle pleading,
Floating on the wooing breeze,
Whispering us to cease from toiling,
And to rest and take our ease.

COLLEEN BAWN.

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

PEN AND INK SKETCHES OF JAMAICA.

(Continued.)

Kingston has no public buildings to pride itself upon, and no attractive
places of amusement. There is a well built and well managed "Lunatic
Asylum" on the east side of the city, a "General Penitentiary," where the
"long sentences" for the whole Colony are worked out; a creditable "Pub-
lic Hospital; and there the Government structures proper may be said to
end.

The "Legislative Colonial Chamber," "Governor's Office," and "Colon-
ial Secretary's Office," are all included in an inconveniently converted
private dwelling house, which used to be occupied by the General-in-Com-
mand of the Troops. It is still with the inaccuracy and carelessness common
in matters of speech known as "Headquarter House." At the time it was
bought from the Imperial by the Colonial Government, it seems to have been
"Hobson's choice," as no other place could be obtained.

Another marked instance of inaccuracy, is the title of "Director of
Roads" for the official in charge of the "Public Works Department." This
officer has all the public buildings—Court Houses, Government offices,
Railway Stations, Lighthouses, principal Bridges, Government Lands and
Main Roads, under his control; but by way of concealing all such impor-
tant duties from the public, he is simply entitled, "Director of Roads." Fortunately,
the buildings in which he and his subordinates "do duty" is
not to be regarded as an idea of the state of other public works in the
Colony. It is dilapidated looking to a degree, as is the District and City
Court room on the opposite side of the untidy old barrack yard. For this
is another instance of "conversion" from former "Kingston barracks" to
these offices of Government.

The "Customs Department" at the west end of the town, is also a
"converted merchant's warehouses and wharves." It is only fair to say,
however, that the officers, boats, etc., exhibit signs of care and good order,
and that the officials are as courteous and obliging as a passenger could
desire. The Ordnance Yard is near the "Customs," and presents the usual
striking effect of bright black and white. It is a pity that the pains
bestowed by the Naval and Military Services in this Colony on their various
premises is not more closely copied by the local authorities. The latter have
great difficulty in inducing habits of tidiness in the lower classes.

The "Victoria Market" is a fine looking public building, and is an
interesting point to visit early on a Saturday morning. Country produce
and manufactures are brought in from great distances, and the variety of
fruit and vegetables is striking. As cultivation is pursued from high water
mark to a height of 5,000 feet above the sea, it is not so extraordinary to see
marrowfat peas and oranges, pine apples and potatoes, ground nuts and
strawberries, bananas and yams, mangoes and green beans, mingled together,
and all grown with a minimum of trouble and attention. Almost any of the
small fruits and vegetables which we are accustomed to enjoy in a northern
climate can be produced in Jamaica, so that the variety of fruits and vege-
tables is really very great.

The theatre is an old one, and in much disrepair. Theatrical and Operatic
Companies seldom visit Kingston, and are rather "scratch" when they do.
Dissatisfied with the poor reception they receive, they generally break up
soon after trying their luck. The best class of residents possess too much
taste to be content with second or third-rate entertainments. And besides,
a large proportion live outside the town. After driving into town in the
morning, and transacting business all day in the dirt and "confusion," it
requires a strong inducement to drive two or three miles back again over
wretched rough streets, and the trial of two or three hours in a close room,
with the thermometer over 80 degrees.

Circuses seem to take pretty well with the lower classes, and the invari-
able circular tent pitched on the so-called race-course is no infrequent sight.
Under the action of the Kingston Building Society, private houses are
rapidly improving and increasing. Repairs, painting, and re-building, and
the occupation of old vacant lots, has been going on without intermission for
the last six or seven years. In that time a new colony of very tasteful villas
has sprung up among the Acacia thickets between the town and the Park
Camp. It is known as "Kingston Gardens." In many respects the Colony
is a hundred years behind the age. When I first visited Jamaica, seven