

had several pleasant chats together, I being at the time unable to rise from my bed, so obstinate was my wounded leg. I did not forget to ask him about this old impostor, and his *wai ni tuka* ("water of immortality"), whereupon he burst into a great roar of laughter.

"O, *that* fellow!" said he. Wagalevu (Ravunakana's father) made a thorough fool of him before us all—me, and Bola-bola, and our people also—a great company.'

"Well," says Wagaluva, 'is all this true about your *wai ni tuka*?'

"It is true, sir," answered the priest.

"Indeed," said Wagalevu. "Then *you* have drunk it yourself, eh?"

"Yes," returned the priest. 'I have drunk it.'

"Very well, then," said the chief; 'if you are clubbed it can't hurt you now, I suppose!'

"It cannot hurt me, sir; nothing can hurt me," said the priest, quite boldly.

"Good," cried Wagalevu, 'Now to-morrow shall we prove the truth of your words. Hi! you there! Bring me a club!'

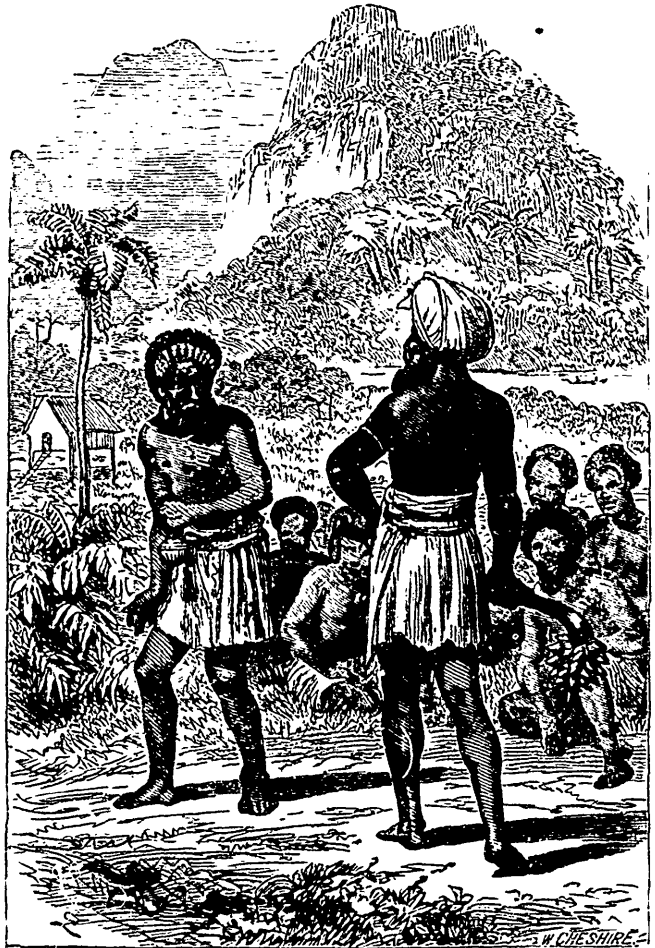
"So a club was brought, at which the old priest began to cast uneasy glances.

"Now then," continued Ravunakana's father, 'if your words are true, the club won't hurt you; and if they are false, it will serve you right to have your head cracked for your lies and cheating. Are you ready? Are you willing to be but to proof?'

When he got thus far in his tale, Ravunakana broke forth again into a roar of laughter.

"Well," said I, 'well! what did the priest say?'

"Say?" cried my friend, with another roar;



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'what did he say? What *could* he say? Why, he was dumb. Not a word could we get out of him. And so we all know that he is a liar and a cheat.'

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If you have business, attend to it energetically; and if you have work, do it faithfully. If you have none, find it as quickly as possible. This is a large world, and if you cannot do what you wish, do what you can find to do, and do it without whining. Every man in the world, under ordinary circumstances, who tries to make a living can do so, and too frequently bad luck is but another name for bad management.