

ing through it, the visitor had to continue his bending posture along a passage about five feet in length issuing into a room ten feet high at the upper end, which was against the rock, and five feet high at the opposite end, which looked on to the road. It was, in fact, a penthouse consisting of one room, used for living, eating and sleeping. The end towards the road was excavated, so that a person could stand upright in it, although the roof was but five feet from the level of the road. This portion of the room had mats upon the floor, and a wooden settee ran around it against the wall, whereon was seated the wife of the chief. She was a handsome young woman, with regular features and fine eyes, but her good looks were much marred by an incipient *goitre*. Our Chinese Christian entered the room first, and, advancing to the divan on which the lady was seated with her legs tucked up under her, he raised her hand to his lips and reverently kissed it. She bowed to us as we advanced with all the dignity of a western princess. On her head was a massive wreath of brilliant yellow flowers, and we learnt afterwards that married women had the privilege of wearing flowers in their hair, while those who are not married might only wear leaves. Her dress was of green cloth with a red and yellow border, and round her neck she wore necklaces of beads. The room was soon filled with a crowd of natives, whose curiosity about us it was difficult to appease. They were friendly, but inconvenient, and it was impossible to escape from them. Our only compensation was that we were equally curious about them, and their appearance was most picturesque. Some wore a species of headdress which, looked at from the front, resembled a cocked hat with fringe of many colored feathers, others wreaths of small rosy apples, others chaplets of wild boar's tusks.

"The room became oppressive, and, bending down, I dived through the passage to the fresh air, only to be again surrounded by savages whose rank did not admit of their coming inside. A man of degree, however, presently approached, and to my grateful senses appeared to me to propose that I should go somewhere with him where I should find water. I eagerly consented, and, mounting the hillside, followed him to his house. It was like the one we had left, with the great advantage that no one but my guide's wife was there. The side of the room was ornamented with row upon row of jaw bones symmetrically arranged, the largest being at the top left hand corner. The savage produced a very large circular iron dish, and then brought from the corner of the room a bamboo about six feet long containing water. He raised this over his shoulder, and poured water from it into the dish, which he placed on the fire. When it was warm he set it down in the corner of the room and motioned me to make use of it. He then showed me uncooked food, making signs that afterwards I was to eat. It consisted of the entrails of wild boar, and, though hungry, I did not feel that I could manage it; so, after making myself comfortable, I returned to the chief's house."

After spending the night, preparations were made for their return. Various obstacles were thrown in their way by the savages, who had been pretty successful in securing as presents almost everything that the visitors carried with them; but intimating their firm determination to leave, no opposition was offered, and the strangers departed without reluctance, feeling that the savage nature of their entertainers was making itself unpleasantly conspicuous.