

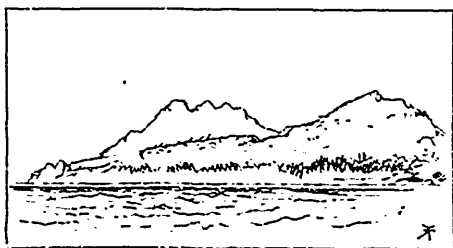
that the rest of the party were to remain on board the yacht.

Our earliest impressions of Ponta Delgada were that the town appeared to bear a strong general resemblance to Venice, the curious hats worn by the men, and the

black or dark-blue cloaks of the women, with their strange head-dresses, rather serving to keep up the illusion. The city ranks third in extent and importance among those of the Portuguese dominions; the population being about thirty

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thousand, and the trade considerable. The hotel, to which I was carried on landing, commands views over extensive orange-groves, the town and the harbour, and wears a cheerful and comfortable aspect. It



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is kept by a motherly-looking Scotch woman and her son and daughter, all of whom did their best to make us feel at home. Close by is the charming Borges Garden, where I reposed upon the grass while the rest of the party made a tour of exploration. The vegetation



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