

Rockes and broken hills, which seeme impossible, which I would hardly haue beleeeved, had I not seene it, and that with the greatest art and agilitie that may be: Their Armes for the most part, are Lances of nine or ten foote, with a head of a foote and halfe long, like vnto Boare-Speares, saue that the head is somewhat more broad.

Two things are famous in these Ilands, the Pike of *Tenerifa*, which is the highest Land in my iudgement that I haue seene, and men of credit haue told they haue seene it more then fortie leagues off. It is like vnto a Sugar loafe, and continually covered with Snow, and placed in the middest of a goodly vallie, most fertile, and temperate round about it. Out of which, going vp the pike, the colde is so great, that it is insufferable, and going downe to the Townes of the Iland, the heate seemeth most extreame, till they approach neere the coast. The other is a Tree in the Iland *Fierro*, which some write and affirme, with the dropping of his leaues, to giue water for the sustenance of the whole Iland, which I haue not seene, although I haue bene on shoare on the Iland: but those which haue seene it, haue recounted this misterie differently to that which is written, in this maner; That this Tree is placed in the bottome of a Valley, ever flourishing with broad leaues, and that round about it are a multitude of goodly high Pynes, which over-top it, and as it seemeth were planted by the diuine providence, to preserue it from Sunne and Wind. Out of this Valley ordinarily rise every day, great vapours and exhalations, which by reason that the Sunne is hindered to worke his operation, with the height of the Mountaines towards the South-east, convert themselues into moysture, and so bedewe all the Trees of the Valley, and from those which over-top this Tree, drops downe the dewe vpon his leaues, and so from his leaues into a round Well of Stone, which the Naturals of the land haue made to receiue the water; of which the people and cattle haue great reliefe: but sometimes it raineth and then the Inhabitants doe reserue water for many dayes to come in their Cisterns and Tynaxes, which is that they drinke of, and wherewith they principally sustaine themselues.

The City of the *Grand Canaria*, and chiefe Port is on the west side of the Iland; the head Towne and Port of *Tenerifa*, is towards the south part, and the Port and Towne of the *Palma* and *Gomera*, on the East side.

In *Gomera*, some three Leagues south-ward from the Towne, is a great River of water, but all these Ilands are perillous to landing,

The Description
of *Tenerifa*.

Of a Tree
in *Fierro*.