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Our last number was much later in coming out than we had any idea of when we sent the copy for it to our printer, and we are forced to issue another double number. However, in future we will issue the *ECHO* once a month in its present form. We should like all who receive sample copies of it this month to subscribe, and think it is well worth the subscription price.

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KAMHAMHA'S WAR-CLOAK.

The Sandwich Island chiefs used to wear on ceremonious occasions cloaks made of feathers. Each feather was fastened separately into a loop of fine string, so that the inside of the cloak resembled a costly woven net. So smoothly were the feathers laid on the surface that the cloak appeared as a rich, glossy fabric. Miss Cummings in her recent work of the kingdom Hawaii, entitled "The Fire Fountain," gives the following description of the feather cloak of the great Kamchameha, which is still worn as a coronation robe:

"One very rare and precious feather was reserved by the hunters for the king, who alone had the privilege of wearing a cloak of these glossy, golden treasures.

The birds which yields this priceless treasure is Oo, or royal bird, a species of honeysucker, peculiar to certain mountainous districts of these isles. It is of a glossy black, and its tiny golden feathers are underneath the wing, one on either side.

"The birds ere now very rare, though the method of gathering the annual harvest does not involve their destruction. It was the great Kamchameha I. who first thought of saving their lives, and ordered the bird-catchers to set the birds free when they had plucked the the two coveted feathers.

"The feathers are only an inch long, sharp-pointed and very delicate. Five sell for a dollar and a half. Kamchameha's war cloak is said to represent all the the feathers collected by eight or ten successive chiefs.

"One of these feathered cloaks had descended to the late king. It was a square of six feet; and when the well-beloved died in his prime, and lay in state at the Ioloni palace, he was laid on the priceless cloth of gold.

"At the bidding of his father, it was wrapped round him as a kingly shroud. 'He is the last of our race,' said the weeping chief; 'it is his.' So the cloak, which, according to Hawaiian estimate, was valued at \$100,000, was buried with him who alone was entitled to wear it.