

trees are found in the vallies; among them the *Aleurites triloba*, whose whitish foliage forms a singular kind of brush around the base and the declivities of the mountains. Here and there, in the deep fissures of rocks, may be seen astonishing groves of *Bananas*, which, growing thickly, stem close-pressed to stem, cause a gloomy darkness to prevail beneath their wide spread leaves. These plants, if grown near the beach, scarcely attain a height of five feet, but in such situations as the above, they often treble that stature. The *Acacias*, from whose hollowed trunks the large canoes of the Sandwich Islands are made, attain on these mountains only to the size necessary for that purpose, and there alone is the Sandal-wood found, which is so much prized in China; while the ruler of these countries knows its value so well, that he makes it the means of inflicting poverty upon his oppressed people, who are obliged to collect it, and neglect the necessary art of cultivating the ground.

The *Tarra-root* (*Arum esculentum*), after being boiled, is stamped into a tough pulp, and constitutes the principal food of the people. O-Wahu is that one of the Sandwich Islands which produces the greatest number of esculent plants, and part of the *Tarra* used at O-Vaihi is thence derived. The culture of the vallies which lie behind Hanaruru is really astonishing. Artificial irrigations enable the natives to form, even upon the hills, large æsthetic plantations of *Tarra*, which are at the same time employed as fish-ponds, while all kinds of useful plants grow on the banks which form their borders. Many introduced plants are now cultivated by some of the original inhabitants; but those of the people who retain their old manners make little use of them. Among these, the *Tobacco* may be considered as the principal; and it is indeed a vegetable which the natives of all parts of the globe have shown a readiness to employ. *Water-Melons*, *Melons*, and other kinds of fruit have been gladly adopted here. Besides the destructive *cava*, a fermented liquor is prepared from the *Tea-Root* (*Draena terminalis*); but the *Sugar-Cane* has never yet been employed for that purpose.

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