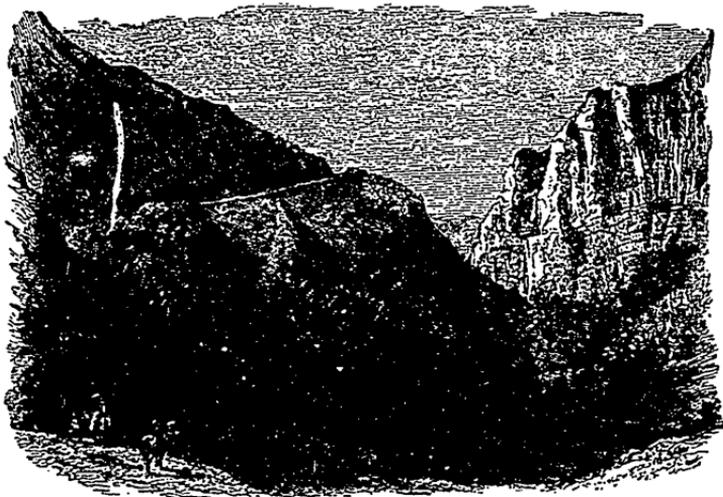


central range of hills, forming the backbone of the island. The ride down, in the light of the almost full moon, was delightful.

*Tuesday, January 2nd.*—At eleven o'clock the King went on board the *Fontôme*, saw the men at quarters, and witnessed the firing of a couple of shots at a target, and shortly before twelve paid us a visit, accompanied by the Prince Leleiohoku and others. His Majesty is a tall, fine-looking man, with pleasant manners, and speaks English perfectly and fluently. He and the Prince visited and examined every corner of the yacht, and looked, I think, at almost every object on board. The inspection occupied



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at least an hour and a half; and when it was over, we had a long chat on deck on various subjects. The Prince of Wales' visit to India, and the Duke of Edinburgh's voyage round the world, were much discussed. I think the King would like to use them as a precedent, and see a little more of the world himself. His voyage to, and stay in America, he thoroughly enjoyed.

It was two o'clock before our visitors left; and a quarter of an hour later the Queen and her sister arrived. Her Majesty and her sister made quite as minute an inspection of the yacht as her royal consort and his brother had done before them. We had arranged to be "at home" to all our kind friends in Honolulu at four o'clock, at which hour precisely the Governor sent the royal band on board to enliven the proceedings.