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A Reminiscence.

(Continued from last week.)

He then pushed a sheet of paper across the table on which was written a receipt for \$53 accompanied with a declaration that I was discharged a declaration that I was discharged from the ship at my own request, and put on shore. This I refused to sign. I said I would sign a receipt and that was all I would do; that he had no cause to treat me so, as I had done nothing to merit such treatment. He flew into a great passion, cursed me outrageously, swore he would put He flew into a great passion, cursed me outrageously, swore he would put me in irons for mutiny and refusing to obey orders and carry me to Callae, S. A. I replied that he was master, and, of course, could do as he pleased, but put my name to a barefaced lie like that, I wouldn't do it. "Go to the mast-head, ———, and I'll show you," was his reply. So to the mast-head I went for a couple of hours till the cances had closed with the ship, when I was called on deek the ship, when I was called on deck and with my chest, a bundle of new clothing, and ten silver dollars (to which Mr. Gardner, the 2nd mate, added five more), I was bundled into a canoe and went ashore amongst a lot of savages whose language I was unacquainted with and who were in the same dilemma regarding me. True, I was not the first white man who had lived there, and there were two living on Henderson's Island and one on Simpson's Island, distant respectively about twenty and thirty miles. So I made the best of it and went ashore. A number of natives awaited our arrival at the beach, the fact of a te matung, or white man, coming ashore causing quite a crowd to gather, and I must say I did not feel quite as much at home and quite as much at home as I would have done at a landing on some wharf in a civilized country. The chief did in a civilized country. The chief did not return for some time, and I had notice a time satisfying their curiosity, d guarding my chest and what few

raps" I was the owner of. A small chet pistol and a sheath knife were I the defensive weapons I possessed, and getting tired of their officious ut not offensive curiosity, I thought would try the effect of a shot, so aking aim at a bunch of cocoanuts a little distance from us, I fired, and lown came two or three. They scampered away in a hurry and I was " I was the owner of. campered away in a hurry and I was left in perfect peace for nearly an hour, till the return of the chief from the ship. On his landing, a perfect hub-bub of voices arose telling him of my pistol shot, as he afterwards laughingly told me. King Jack, as we always called him on board ship, came directly to me with his hand extended to shake hands, saying "me friend you—you friend me—you live Kodiak" (the native name of the island). These expressions, I found, formed almost the extent of this English. He then made signs for me go with him, and speaking to a couple go with him, and speaking to a couple of natives, they picked up my chest and going before us we went to the village, about 500 yards distant, and entered a very neat little house in which he ordered my traps to be placed, and soon a basket of cooked fish, with some taro and bread fruit and a couple of shells full of the sweet sap of the cocoa nut, was brought in sap of the cocoa nut, was brought in and I had the honor, for the first Pirst-Class Clothing Establishment.

time of supping with Royalty. After satisfying our hunger, I produced a plug of tobacco, and cutting it in two, handed him a share, and we had a smoke. While smoking, a lot of young cocca nut leaves were brought to him with which he model. young cocoa nut leaves were prought to him with which he made two chains, one of which he put over my neck and hung the other on one side of the door, singing a weird song of which I could only distinguish the words "taboo" and "te matung."

This I found prevented my being This, I found, prevented my being troubled by any of the natives except his personal friends and relatives. You may be sure it did not incomyou may be sure it did not incommode me in the least. After smoking our pipes, I was introduced to his three wives, one old and two young, the former a pretty well preserved old lady; also to his three sons, two daughters, and two of his brothers. daughters, and two of his brothers. We had quite a jolly time smoking our pipes and trying to understand one another. Nothing, I found, could be done without a smoke. At sunset they left us, and after a while the chief and myself laid down on our protects the night and alart quite as mats for the night and slept quite as contentedly and soundly as I would have done on board ship.

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