

LOVE LIFE IN A LANAI.

THE CHARMS OF HAWAIIAN EXISTENCE.

One of Charles Warren Stoddard's Island Classics—A Lanai on a Silver Beach.

It was the watching hour of sunset, and we sat at dinner, with tearful eyes, over the Commodore's curry. You see, the Commodore prided himself on the strength of this identical dish, and kept a mahogany-tinted East Indian steward for the sake of his skill in concocting the same.

We dined, as usual, in the Commodore's unrivaled lanai—the very thought of which is a kind of spiritual feast to this hour. And now for a word to the uninitiated concerning the lanai in question. Off there in the Pacific, under the vertical sun, all shadow is held at a premium. There are stationary caravans of cocoa trees that seem to be looking for their desert home—wild, slender trees, with tattered plumes, and a hopeless air about them, as though they were born to sorrow, but meant to make the best of it. Still, these fine old palms cast a thin shadow, about the size and shape of a colossal spider, and there is no comfort in trying to sit in it. Of course, there are other trees with more foliage, and vines that run riot and blossom themselves to death; but somehow the sharp arrows of sunshine dart in and sting a fellow in an unpleasant fashion, and nothing short of a good thatch is to be relied upon. So out from the low eaves of the Commodore's cottage, on the seaward side, there was a dense roof of leaves and grass that ran to the edge of the sea and looked as though it wanted to go further, but the Commodore knew it was useless to attempt to roof over that institution. There was a leafy tapestry hanging two feet below the roof on three sides thereof, and from the floor of the inclosure rose a sort of trellis of woven rushes that hedged us in to the waist. There was a wicker gate and an open space between the leafy stactate and stigmata barricade for ventilation and view, and everywhere there was a kind of semi-twilight that seemed a kind of dream and delicious indolence—and this the Hawaiian lanai.

Just as the mahogany steward—the always looked to me like a snake-charmer—was entering with something that seemed to have come to an untimely end in wine sauce—at this stage the Commodore turned to us as though he were about to give some order that we might disregard at the peril of our lives—these sea dogs never quite outgrow that sort of thing. "Gentlemen," said he, casting a watchful and suspicious eye over the weather bow, "there is to be a luau—a native feast—in the adjoining premises. Will you do me the honor to accompany me thither after we have lighted our cigars?"

Hawaiian feast days are not set down in the calendars. Somebody's child has a birthday, or there is a new house that needs christening, or perhaps a church is in want and the feast can net a hundred or two for it, since all the estates in such cases are donated and the eaters enter to the feast with the payment of \$1 per head. Our feast was not sanctified. A chief of the best blood was in the humor to entertain his friends, countrymen and lovers. We belonged to the first order, or rather, the Commodore was his friend, and we speedily became as friendly as possible. As we entered the premises it appeared that half of the islands was under cover, for limitless lanais seem to run on to the end of time in bewitching vistas. Numberless lanterns swung softly in the evening gale. A multitude of white-robed native girls passed to and fro with that inimitable grace which I had always supposed Eve copied from the serpent and imparted to her daughters, who still affect the modern Edens of the earth. Young Hawaiian bloods clad in snow-white trousers and ballet-shirts, with wreaths of Maie around their necks and ginger-flowers in their hair, grouped themselves along the evergreen corridors, and looked unutterable things without any noticeable effort on their part.

Through the central corridor, under a long line of lanterns, was spread the corporeal feast, and on either side of it, in two ravenous lines, sat, tailor-fashion, the hungry and the thirsty. It is useless to attempt an idealization of the Hawaiian eater. He simply devours whatever suits his palate, as though he were a packing case that needed filling, and the sooner filled the more creditable the performance. But the amount of filling he is equal to is the marvel; and the patient perseverance of the man so long as there is a crumb left is something that I despair of reconciling with any known system of physiology. The mastication began early in the afternoon. It was 8 P. M. when we looked in upon the orgy and the bones were not all picked, though they seemed likely to be before midnight.

"Will you eat?" said the host. It was not etiquette to decline, and we sat at the end of the lanai with nameless dishes strewn about us in hopeless confusion. We dipped a finger in pink poi and took a pinch of baked dog. We had limpets with rock salt, kukui nuts roasted and pulverized, and the pale, quivering bits of fish flesh, not an hour dead, and still cool with the native coolness. It was a fishy feast, anyway; and not even the fruits or the flowers could entirely alleviate the inward agony consequent upon a morsel of raw fish, swallowed to please our host. There was music at the further end of the palm-leaf pavilion, and thither

we wended our way. The inner court was festooned with flags and covered with a large mat. Upon the mat sat or reclined several chiefs. I am never able to account for the audacious grace of these women, who throw themselves upon the floor and stretch their supple limbs like tigress's, with a kind of imperial scorn for your one-horse properties. Their voluminous light garments scarcely concealed the ample curves of their bodies, and the marvellous creatures seemed to be breathing to slow music, while their slumberous eyes regarded us with a gentle indifference that was more tantalizing than any other species of coquetry.

At one side of the inclosure sat a group of musicians, twanging upon native harps and beating the national calabash. Song after song was sung, pipe after pipe was smoked, and bits of easy and playful conversation filled the intervals.

The great charm of a native feast is the entire absence of all formality. Every man is privileged to seek whom his heart may most desire, and every woman may receive him or reject him, as her spirit prompts. We noticed that the Commodore was uneasy. He was as plump as a seal, and the crowd oppressed him. We resolved to get the old gentleman out of his misery, and proposed an immediate adjournment to the beach. The inner court was soon deserted, and our little party—which now embraced, figuratively, several magnificent chiefs, as well as the primitive Hawaiian orchestra—moved in silence toward the sea. The long, curving beach glistened and sparkled in the moonlight. The sea within the reef was like a tideless river, from whose pelucid depths, where the coral spread its wilderness of branches, an unearthly radiance was reflected. A fleet of tender canoes floated to and fro upon the water, and beyond them the creaming reef flashed like a grid of silver belting us in from all the world.

The crowning luxury of savage life is the multitudinous bandman who anticipates your every wish and makes you blush at your own poverty of invention by his suggestions of unimagined joys. Mats—broad, sweet and clean—ay under foot and served our purpose better than Persian carpets. The sea itself fanned at our feet, and all the air was shining and soft as though the moon had dissolved in an ecstasy, and nothing but a snap of cold weather could congeal her again. Wherever we lay, pillows were mysteriously slipped under our heads, and the willing hands in the world began an involuntary performance of the lomi-lomi. Let me not linger upon the lomi-lomi, for there is none of it within reach; but I may say of it, that before the skillful and magnetic hands of the manipulator are folded every nerve in the body is seized with an intense little spasm of recognition and lies happy. A dreamless sleep succeeds, and this is followed by an awakening into a new life full of proud possibilities.

We were lomi-lomied to the murmurs of the reef, and during the intervals of consciousness saw an impromptu rehearsal of the "Naiaid Queen" in operatic form. The dancing girls, being somewhat heated, had plunged into the sea and were complaining of the moon in chorus of fine harmonies. History does not record how long their sea song rang across the waters. I know that we dozed, and woke to watch a silver sail wafted along the vague and shadowy distance like a phantom. We slept again and woke to a sense of silence broken only by the unceasing monody of the reef; slept and woke yet again in the waning light, for the moon had sunk to the ragged rim of an old crater and seemed to have a large piece bitten out of her glorious disk. Then we broke camp by the shore, for the air was a trifle chilly, and withdrew to the seclusion of the Commodore's lanai, where we threw ourselves into hammocks and swung until daybreak.

THE KAPAA SCHOOL.
The Attendance Has Nearly Doubled in the Last Year.

W. Z. Austin, principal of the Government school at Kapaa, district of Kawaihau, Kauai, has been in the city for several days past. From him a STAR reporter learns that the school is in an excellent condition and has nearly doubled its membership during the twelve months it has been under his charge. One year ago, when Mr. Austin was transferred from the Waialeale School, on Maui, which he had built up to be the largest school on the Islands, the Kapaa School had an average attendance of 92. It now has 148 scholars, and the membership has been as high as 156 during the last term. Professor Austin has been assisted in his labors during the last year by his wife, as vice-principal, Miss Kate Lindsay and Miss Emily Kealoha, all of whom have labored hard for the welfare of the school. Miss Lindsay has recently been promoted to the principalship of the Kikau school, but her successor in the Kapaa school has not yet been selected. Professor Austin will leave for home on Monday on the James Makee, if that vessel makes an extra trip next week; otherwise, on the Mikahala on Thursday. The school re-opens on the 11th.

Kealia Annexation Club.
The Annexation Club at Kealia on the island of Kauai is in a flourishing condition and now has a membership of sixty-four. The officers of the club are: President Wm. Blaisdell, Secretary George H. Fairchild, W. J. Austin Chairman of the Executive Committee. The Club employs both a Hawaiian and Portuguese interpreter.

Vital Statistics.
The following is an abstract of the mortuary report of the Health Department for the month ending August 31st. Hawaiians, 26; Chinese, 10; Portuguese, 3; Japanese, 5; British, 1; other nationalities, 1. Total, 46. Of the 46 deaths reported, 31 were males and

15 females. Of those who died unattended there were 10. The greatest number of deaths resulted from consumption, of which there were 9; and of violent deaths there was but 1. This is the lowest number of deaths reported in a month since the corresponding month in 1890, when 69 deaths were reported, showing a decrease of 13.

CIRCUIT COURT MATTERS.
Prospects are Good for a Special Term for Civil Business.

Judge Whiting was laboring hard this morning to clean up the Circuit Court calendar and a number of cases were put over till next term by agreement of attorneys and otherwise. Owing to the dilatoriness of attorneys and the general state of unreadiness in which a number of the civil cases on the present calendar are now in, the advisability of a special term is being discussed, and one will probably be arranged during the coming week.

In the divorce case of Silva vs. Silva, tried by Judge Cooper yesterday, a decision was handed down this morning granting a divorce to Mrs. Silva in accordance with the prayer of the complaint. The case of Carl Henoch vs. The Hawaiian Government, which resulted in a verdict adversely to the plaintiff, will be appealed, and an appeal bond has already been filed with H. F. Glade as surety.

A POLICEMAN MURDERED.

MIDNIGHT TRAGEDY AT EWA PLANTATION.

A Japanese Policeman Decoyed From His Room and Murdered by His Countrymen.

About eleven o'clock last night a Japanese named Yomoto, who is the policeman for the Ewa plantation, was called from his room by persons outside. There were several persons in the room at the time, one of whom accompanied Yomoto while a third stood in the doorway holding a lamp. As soon as Yomoto got outside he was set upon by a number of Japanese who were armed with stones and knives. A well-aimed stone smashed the glass of the lamp in the doorway and what took place afterwards is known only to the participants. Yomoto was beaten about the head with rocks and stabbed several times in the heart and thereabouts and died almost instantly. His companion was also badly beaten and driven indoors.

A telephone message was sent to the Marshal's office here and Deputy-Marshal Brown left at once for the scene of the murder. Nothing official has been received from him except a request for six extra policemen who were sent to Ewa this morning by the 9 o'clock train. Mr. Brown will hold an inquest during the day and in the meantime has been investigating the affair, the full particulars of which will not be learned until his return.

A reporter visited the agents of the plantation, Messrs. Castle & Co., this morning, but they were unable to give any further particulars, except that no trouble had occurred on the plantation over the matter as yet, and that nothing had been heard from Manager Lowrie about the murder. It is presumed that the Japanese on the plantation are excited over the tragedy and are probably too much so to go to work to-day, but that Deputy Marshal Brown has taken the necessary precautions to prevent any trouble among them.

LATER.—By inquiry at the Marshal's office since the above was in type it is learned that the inquest is now going on and that at its commencement 150 Japanese marched up in a body to Coronor Brown and confessed that they were all implicated in the deed. The other Japanese, who was with the murdered man, was so badly beaten that he may die from its effects.

OUR MAUI LETTER.

Matters and Things Upon One of Our Sister Islands.

EDITOR STAR.—The entertainment of the Ladies' Aid Society at Paia on Tuesday evening was a great success. I enclose a program, as follows:

- PROGRAM.
Piano Solo....."Berceuse," A. Jensen
Vocal Solo....."Dear Heart"
Recitation....."The Slave that saved St. Michael"
Piano Solo....."Gaieté de Coeur"
Vocal Solo....."The Song of My All"
Piano Solo....."The Second Mazurka"
Vocal Duet....."The Sister Birds"
Mrs. Laidlaw and Miss Douglas.
Recitation....."The Senator"
Pantomime....."An Advertisement for a Wife"
Tableaux....."Hanging of the Crane"

The free train from Wailuku brought a good lot of patrons, mostly from Spreckelsville, with a sprinkling from Wailuku and Kahului. All were more than satisfied. In fact, enough was offered to make two good entertainments, and the audience would have been satisfied with half of it.

The solos by Misses Fleming and Beckwith were especially enjoyed and each secured an encore, as did also the duet by Mrs. Dr. Laidlaw and her sister, Miss D. Ogil.

The pantomime was excellently acted. It was taken part in by Mrs. Ogg as Miss Prim; Miss May B. Bidwin as Miss Independent; Miss Mitty Beck with as Miss Coquette; Miss Ida Campbell as Miss Student; and Miss Kate Fleming as Miss Wright, of as it turned out, Miss Right.

The tableaux of the Hanging of the Crane were superb, and would have been an acceptable entertainment of itself. We do not appreciate how much beauty we have in Makawao until we see it grouped in the flush of a colored light. Mrs. B. D. Baldwin and Mr. Laws were the principal figures in the group and covered themselves with glory of course. Petite Margery Stolz made her debut as "The Monarch of the Spoon," and brought down the house.

The ice cream and cake disappeared like magic, and about 11 P. M. the audience departed amply satisfied.

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China.....Sept 19	China.....Sept 19
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Oceanic.....Sept 25	Alameda.....Sept 28
Mowera(Van)Oct 2	Alameda.....Oct 7
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