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Prayer Meeting in a Storm.

BY BAYARD TAYLOR.

(See President Buchanan's Fast Proclamation.)

A gale came up from the sou'-sou'-west ;
'Twas fierce November weather ;
But the ship had felt such a storm before,
And her planks still held together.
And thus, though the howling tempest showed
No signs of diminution,
The passengers said : "We'll trust our ship,
The staunch old Constitution !"

The captain* steps on the quarter-deck—
"The seas," he said, "they batter us ;
'Twas my watch below in the former gale—
I doubt if we'll weather Hatteras.
The wind on the one side blows me off,
The current sets me shoreward ;
I'll just lay-to between them both,
And seem to be going forward."

"Breakers ahead !" cried the watch on the bow,
"Hard up !" was the first mate's† order ;
"She feels the ground swell," the passengers cried,
"And the seas already board her !"
The foremail split in the angry gust ;
In the hold the ballast shifted ;
And an old tar said, "If Jackson steered,
We shouldn't thus have drifted !"

But the captain cried : "Let go your helm !"
And then he called to the bo'swain :
"Pipe all hands to the quarter-deck,
And we'll save her by Devotion !"
The first mate hurled his trumpet‡ down ;
The old tars cursed together,
To see the good ship helpless roll
At the sport of wave and weather.

The tattered sails are all aback,
Yards crack, and masts are started ;
And the captain weeps and says his prayers,
Till the hull be 'mid-ships parted ;
But God is on the steersman's side—
The crew are in revolution :
The wave that sweeps the captain off
Will save the Constitution !

*President Buchanan.
†Secretary Cass demanding reinforcements for Major Anderson.
‡Secretary Cass resigning his seat in the cabinet.

Rural Sketches
Of the Hawaiian Islands.

HABITS AND CUSTOMS OF THE HAWAIIANS.

This topic leads me to notice the simplicity of native manners and their domestic life. Several illustrations of these themes were presented to me on my way to Kualoa, but they were insignificant in comparison to those I subsequently met in the progress of my tour over the group. While pursuing my way along this shore, I was occasionally overtaken, or met, by some native, smiling all over his face, and accosting me by their national word of greeting—"*Aloha!*" (love, or salutation to you.) Sometimes they will accompany you side by side for miles, and, excepting this single word of greeting you on meeting and parting, not a syllable will escape their lips. Others, again, are as clamorous as a company of Arabs asking for "*bakshish.*" Whether the Hawaiian offers a real greeting or not, nothing can harrow up his feelings more than the traveler's refusal or omission to return the compliment by saying "*Aloha!*" Very probably, at the moment of parting, their taciturnity may fly away, or the current of their clamor become changed, and then their sole talk is about the "*haole*" (foreigner.) Every feature, the color of his hair, beard, and eyes ; every article of dress he has on ; his proficiency as a horseman—every thing becomes the theme of their ridicule or praise ; and they will remember that foreigner again after the lapse of years.

In their style of living they are just as simple. They know little or nothing about artificial wants. With their ponds well stocked with fish, their beds of *taro* flourishing close to their doors, their stock, requiring little or no care, increasing around them, they appear to be the happiest beings on earth.

To a certain extent they are an agricultural people. Such they were observed to be when first discovered, and such they have been from their earliest history. In this respect they differ from the aborigines of the continents of North and South America, and yet, in some relations, they seem to have descended from the same primitive Oriental stock. Until the downfall of idolatry, the Hawaiians maintained a system of pagan worship the most cruel, bloody, and debasing ever known, while the latter are more of a nomadic race, retaining an immaterial worship. Both races are, or have been, powerful and warlike, and both are passing rapidly away.

By this time the road had left the shore, and resumed its course over the plans. While trying to select a good crossing place over a narrow ravine, my horse's hoofs casually stumbled against a low mound. I immediately perceived it to be a funeral mound, probably of some native. The top of the grave was rudely protected by a covering of coral rocks, that looked as though they might have been there during several generations. By whose hands it had been dug, or by whom it was tenanted, I did not, could not ascertain. There it stood, near the sea-shore, all silent and solitary. Not a single wild flower grew by its side to gather a few of the tears of night, not a blade of grass flourished around it. There was no indication that human footsteps came or went on any errand of touching memorial. In all probability, the only requiem ever wafted over that grave was sung by the foaming surf that incessantly thundered on the contiguous shore. No man knows where he shall rest his bones ; I knew not where I might leave my own. I turned away from that grave with a subdued spirit, hoping that peace might forever reign over the ashes of the profound sleeper.

At a short distance beyond this funeral mound at a group of which any painter might justly have been proud. It consisted chiefly of a party of native girls. Their hair and necks were ornamented with the gay flowers of their native *ohelo* (*Gualtheria pendulifforum.*) as beautifully interwoven as if done by fairy fingers. They appeared as unsophisticated and happy as if they were strangers to every sorrow—more like the descendants of the "children of the sun," who dwelt amid the glories of an unfading Peruvian summer, than the offshoots of a degraded race. From such beings as these, so beautiful, bright, and happy, the old poets surely fabled their genii and naiad queens!

The chief figure in the group was an old man, who seemed to be the centre of their joys. His appearance was decidedly patriarchal. A long white beard flowed gracefully down upon his chest. A few white locks were sprinkled around his temples. When he smiled, his eyes sparkled with unaffected delight, and his parted lips revealed a complete set of the finest teeth I have ever seen. Nearly a hundred summers had shone upon him, and his simplicity of appearance was increased by a long wreath of wild flowers which one of those bewitching girls had placed on his neck. He was reciting to his little audience some of the tales of his youthful days. Truly they must have been of a thrilling nature, for he had lived during the sanguinary struggles that achieved the consolidation of the entire group under the sway of old KAMEHAMEHA I.; he had witnessed the annihilation of several pagan temples, and the destruction of "*forty thousand idols!*" This little group seemed as bright as the sun in whose rays they were basking ; nor was it any wonder that those young girls should crowd around the venerable old man, as he told them of past generations.

This picture was primitive in all its associations. It conveyed to my own mind a vivid idea of the early races of the great family of man. I could not but believe that mankind were far happier then than now, and I almost wished for a return of the patriarchal age. The patriarchs dwelt in tents ; but they were ancestors to the greatest nations of ancient days ; and they could step to the thresholds of their plain and honest abodes, and look up to their future homes—the stars, and in their light and glory they could read the first truth in Nature and Revelation, the great central truth to which every reasonable man clings—"THERE IS ONE GOD!" In this position they were infinitely happier than the proudest member of the long dynasty of the ancient Pharaohs.

Of all the characters on the group, no one is more interesting than that of a native judge. A singular specimen of this *genus homo* I found residing within the precincts of Kualoa. His house was constructed on the native plan, but his domestic comforts were rather superior. He was a judge (!) and that made the difference. He resided in the center of a village containing six or seven other dwellings. His legal profession constituted him a sort of lord over his surrounding brethren, for they all looked up to him with feelings somewhat akin to reverence. He had no rosewood book-cases, well filled with elegantly bound and ponderous volumes ; but a single shelf contained his papers, and some half dozen books, from which he had drawn his legal inspirations. His house contained a few articles for domestic use that would not have disgraced the residence of many a thoroughly civilized man. Everything was arranged with scrupulous care as to the best side being placed toward the gaze of the visitor, and all was proverbially neat and clean. He had so adjusted the insignia of his office, that his own countrymen might at once be impressed with the majesty that civil law extends to its faithful disciples.

The judge himself was a fine-looking fellow, about six feet high, well proportioned, and with a hand that might well have belonged to a high-born patrician woman. His entire physiognomy was that of a lawyer.

It happened that two natives were present seeking the adjustment of some private difficulty. The question having been proposed, a solemn silence pervaded the entire dwelling. His honor sat perfectly still, and an awful solemnity shrouded his countenance ; while his "better half" sat down on the mat-covered floor, looking him directly in the face all the time. The gaze of the two men was not less intense. After some minutes' deliberation, this painful silence was broken ; the defendant was fined several dollars, while the plaintiff seemed to think himself a lucky fellow, and went away with a lighter heart and more pleasant countenance. The little court was dismissed, and his honor deposited his fees in a deep recess in his nondescripts, evidently satisfied with himself and his own profession.

I have already referred to *taro* plantations. The profound interest with which they are regarded by the Hawaiians induces me to give them a brief notice. Those that were flourishing around the dwelling of that native were among the finest I saw on the group. But I would here be understood as giving a general description of the article in its nature and general cultivation.

The *taro* (*kalo* in Hawaiian) is a species of arum (*Arum esculentum.*) Like the *Arum triphyllum*, it grows in damp or wet situations only. It is propagated in water by planting tops from the suckers of one year's growth that have sprouted from the sides of the original plant. The beds are excavated two or three feet deep in the earth, leveled, and beaten with cocoa-nut stems, while wet, to produce capacity to hold water. Upland *kalo* is usually much smaller than that which grows in the rich bottoms. There is a red and a white species, besides several varieties of each. Some of these plantations vary in size from a forty feet square to two or three acres. Like many of the fish-ponds, the size indicates the wealth and rank of the owner. Forty square feet of land planted with *kalo* will afford subsistence for one person during a whole year. A square mile of land planted with the same vegetable will feed fifteen thousand one hundred and fifty-one persons for the same length of time.*

As an article of food, *kalo* is invaluable. It is, in fact, the Hawaiian staff of life. It is the bread of the islanders. A good Providence has caused it to be indigenous. While raw, it is exceedingly styptic and acrimonious, producing a burning sensation on the tongue. In this state it is frequently taken as a medicine. These properties are destroyed, however, by subjecting it to heat. Boiling, baking, or roasting leaves the root a light farinaceous substance, not much unlike the best potato. In this last state, it is extensively used by the foreign population as an article of food for their daily table.

But the most precious diet of the Hawaiians is the *kalo*, when converted into *poi*. It is prepared for this purpose by thoroughly cooking it, and then pounding it to a pulp in a trough made out of hard wood. The pounding-mallet is a piece of lava, having a shape much like a chemist's pestle. During the process of pounding, water is frequently added. When it assumes the appearance of a thick paste, it is finished, and then it receives the euphonious appellation of *poi*. As food, it is simple and nutritious, and eaten with one or two fingers, according to its consistency. It is always preferred by the people after the fermentative process has commenced. This article of food imparts bulk rather than strength and solidity to the constitution. And this fact will readily account for the immense corpulency of some of the old Hawaiian queens, a feature which, in those days, was deemed the *ne plus ultra* of female beauty. *Poi* is the national dish. A native may be fed at the very best civilized tables ; but if he is not supplied with his favorite dish, he will go away dissatisfied. And when elevated to the highest possible grade of civilization, he readily mingles with his countrymen in any little party where this article of diet is certain to be found.

After a fatiguing ride, I reached Kualoa (from *kua*, the back, and *loa*, long.) The name seems to be derived from the peculiar ridge of mountains forming the southern boundary of the Kooiaulou district. It is a highly interesting location, the home of several native families. In front rolls the wide Pacific. The scenery on the east and west is bounded by the chain of mountains above referred to, and which are huge masses of volcanic rock that have grown gray during the onward flight of unchronicled generations. Once they echoed back the war-songs of victorious chieftains returning from the field of battle, where they plucked glory from the standards of their foes. But now the race of warriors has gone, and a few wild goats take refuge in the sides of these giant landmarks. The plains of Kualoa contain about twelve thousand acres, over whose surface may be traced tangible evidences of a large population long since extinct.

Nothing can surpass this spot when the sun sets below the mountains, and reflects their massive shadows far out on the plain. Twilight reigns below, while all above seems bathed in the glory of the descending orb. And when night throws its veil over nature, and every sound is hushed, the very silence becomes oppressive, and the mountains stand like giant sentinels to protect the contiguous plains from all evil.—*Sandwich Island Notes.*

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Consignments from the other islands, and orders for the purchase of merchandise, respectfully solicited.
Smallest favors thankfully received
Honolulu, September 1, 1860. 224-tf

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FLORENS STAPENHORST,
Agent for the Bremen and Dresden Board of Underwriters. All average claims against the said Underwriters, occurring in or about this Kingdom, will have to be certified before him. 1-tf

AGENT FOR THE
New York Board of Underwriters.
The undersigned takes leave to notify Merchants, Ship Masters, &c., that he has been duly appointed as Agent for the New York Board of Underwriters.
13-tf ALEX. J. CARTWRIGHT.

HAMBURGH-BREMEN
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE UNDERSIGNED, Agents of the above Company, are prepared to insure risks against fire in and about Honolulu.
For particulars apply at the office.
Honolulu, Oct. 11, 1857. MELCHERS & CO. 68-tf

CHILDREN TEETHING
MRS. WINSLOW,
An experienced Nurse and Female Physician, presents to the attention of mothers, her
SOOTHING SYRUP,
FOR CHILDREN TEETHING,
which greatly facilitates the process of teething, by softening the gums, reducing all inflammation—will allay ALL PAIN and spasmodic action, and is
SURE TO REGULATE THE BOWELS
Depend upon it, mothers, it will give rest to yourselves, and
RELIEF AND HEALTH TO YOUR INFANTS.
We have put up and sold this article for over ten years, and CAN SAY, IN CONFIDENCE AND TRUTH of it what we never have been able to say of any other medicine,—NEVER HAS IT FAILED, IN A SINGLE INSTANCE, TO EFFECT A CURE, when timely used. Never did we know an instance of dissatisfaction by any one who used it. On the contrary, all are delighted with its operations, and speak in terms of commendation of its magical effects and medical virtues. We speak in this matter "WHAT WE DO KNOW," after ten years' experience, AND PLEDGE OUR REPUTATION FOR THE FULFILMENT OF WHAT WE HERE ASSERT. In almost every instance where the infant is suffering from pain and exhaustion, relief will be found in fifteen or twenty minutes after the syrup is administered.
This valuable preparation is the prescription of one of the most EXPERIENCED and SKILLFUL NURSES in New England, and has been used with NEVER FAILING SUCCESS in
THOUSANDS OF CASES.
It not only relieves the child from pain, but invigorates the stomach and bowels, corrects acidity, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. It will almost instantly relieve GRIPING IN THE BOWELS, AND WIND COLIC, and overcome convulsions, which, if not speedily remedied, end in death. We believe it the BEST AND SUREST REMEDY IN THE WORLD, in all cases of DYSENTERY AND DIARRHŒA IN CHILDREN, whether it arises from teething, or from any other cause. We would say to every mother who has a child suffering from any of the foregoing complaints—DO NOT LET YOUR PREJUDICES, NOR THE PREJUDICES OF OTHERS, stand between you and your suffering child, and the relief that will be SURE—yea ABSOLUTELY SURE—to follow the use of this medicine, if timely used. Full directions for using will accompany each bottle. None genuine unless the fac simile of CURTIS & PERKINS, New York, is on the outside wrapper. Sold by Druggists throughout the world.
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FOR THE PACIFIC COAST,
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A COTTAGE, SITUATED ON NUUANU Avenue, near Kukui street, containing, Parlor, 3 Bed Rooms, Dining Room, Pantry, Cook House, Bath Room, Coach House and Stable, &c. Government Water on the Premises. To a respectable Tenant, rent moderate.
Apply to
Honolulu, Feb. 13, 1861. 247-3m THOS. KEEGAN, At the Light House.

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THE STORE LATELY IN THE OCCUPANCY of Mr. W. A. Aldrich, in the Fire-proof Block, corner of Queen and Kaahumanu Streets—no better locality for business in the city. Immediate possession given.
Apply to C. BREWER & CO.,
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THE FIRE-PROOF STORE, ON FORT STREET, lately occupied by F. Spencer, Esq., as a Retail Fancy Goods Store, for which purpose it has no superior in point of security and locality.
—ALSO—
The UPPER STORY of the same building. Occupancy given immediately.
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SITUATE ON HILO BAY.—AT PRESENT in the occupancy of Aiko.
For further particulars, enquire of W. H. PEASE.
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FOR SALE OR LEASE,
A COUNTRY RESIDENCE, FISH POND and tract of land at Ewa, situated on Pearl River Lagoon.
Apply to (213-tf) W. L. GREEN.

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FIRE-FROOF WAREHOUSE. BEST, handiest and safest storeroom in town. The fire-proof building in the rear of Dr. McKibbin's store, containing a spacious cellar, first and second story, the whole being the most convenient and safest place for storage. Rent reasonable. Apply to (193-tf) T. C. HEUCK.

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THE LOTON MERCHANT STREET, between Farden's cooperage and J. H. Strauss'. A good building lot or place for storage. Apply to
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AT LAHAINA—THE HAWAIIAN HOTEL BUILDING, lately occupied by T. L. Merritt. Possession given immediately. Rent reasonable.
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190-tf Agent for L. H. Anthon.

Waikahalulu Water Lots!
THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed agent for the sale and lease of the
Waikahalulu Lots!
begs to call the attention of Merchants, Ship Owners, Speculators and others to this finely situated tract of land which is now offered in lots at reduced rates and on liberal and convenient terms.
Plans may be seen and all particulars learned by application to the undersigned at Robert C. Janion's Fire-proof Buildings.
N. B.—Early application should be made for choice Lots.
W. L. GREEN,
Agent for the Sale of Waikahalulu Lots.
Honolulu, Oct. 21, 1858. 121-tf

Coffee Plantation for Sale!
THE CELEBRATED
TITCOMB COFFEE PLANTATION,
AT HANALEI, KAUAI,
Is offered for sale. The Land of the Plantation comprises upwards of **1050 Acres**, and has upon it **50,000 Coffee Trees.** The land is well adapted to the cultivation of sugar cane. The estate is unencumbered, and will be sold by Fee Simple Title. For full particulars and terms of sale, inquire of
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FOR SALE!
THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS
FOR SALE
His Property, located in Waialua, Oahu, consisting of a Convenient Dwelling, Cook and Storage Houses, with 365 acres of Land, of which over 100 acres are either wholly or in part enclosed by wall or fence—a large portion easily irrigated from an unfailing stream ; an abundant supply of Kalo in cultivation. From 60 to 80 head of cattle, including three yokes of good Working Oxen and Steers, and a large number of fine Milch Cows. Also, Horses, Carts, Plows, and a full assortment of Farming Implements
The above property is situated centrally in Waialua, and affords to persons interested in sugar-growing a promising chance to invest, having good water-power upon it, and surrounded by excellent cane land, with an enterprising foreign and native community in the neighborhood, and communication easy both by land and sea with Honolulu.
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SANFORD'S
LIVER INVIGORATOR,
NEVER DEBILITATES.
IT is compounded entirely from Gums, and has become an established fact, a Standard Medicine, known and approved by all those who have used it, and is now received with confidence in its recommendations.
It has cured thousands within the last two years who had given up all hopes, as medical certificates in my possession show.
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Let the dictates of your judgment guide you in the use of the LIVER INVIGORATOR, and it will cure **Liver Complaints, Dyspepsia, Chronic Diarrhœa, Summer Complaints, Dysentery, Dropsy, Sour Stomach, Habitual Costiveness, Colic, Cholera Morbus, Cholera Infantum, Flatulence, Jaundice, Female Weakness,** and may be used successfully in all the cases for which it is recommended.
It will cure SICK HEADACHE, in twenty minutes, if two or three Teaspoonfuls are taken at commencement of attack.
All who use it are giving their testimony in its favor.
MIX WATER IN THE MOUTH WITH THE INVIGORATOR, AND SWALLOW BOTH TOGETHER.
Price One Dollar per Bottle.
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SANFORD'S
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CATHARTIC PILLS,
COMPOUNDED FROM
Pure Vegetable Extracts, and put up in GLASS CASES, Air Tight, and will keep in any climate.
The FAMILY CATHARTIC PILL has gained for itself an enviable reputation, and is now in general demand from those who know and the satisfaction which its use has rendered me to place that different Cathartics at present in the hands of the Profession well know on different portions of the bowels.
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