

making what they call a "lappa" of it being perfectly naked with this exception.

The middle harbor is formed of a narrow lagoon but so situated that it can be entered and departed from with the same wind and when we had reached a convenient anchorage we dropped anchor and it being so narrow we proceeded to moor the stern and stern. For this purpose we carried a keage anchor out on a reef ahead of us and then carrying a hawser to the shore we made it fast to one of the trees which grow down to the water edge and thus we lay secure being protected by the reef to windward from the hardest blow that might ensue.

By this time we were surrounded by canoes bringing aquadiente guavas bananas, manioc apples and Breadfruit which last is a fruit in shape like a green pumpkin and in taste after it has been cooked either by boiling or roasting resembles a potato but digests and requires quite a stretch of the imagination to consider it like bread. The tree is in shape like a large apple tree but the leaves closely resemble those of the oak.

The natives are all tattooed more or less and the women some of them are tattooed from head to feet. The chief whose court dress was a red flannel shirt came on board every morning for his breakfast but whether the attraction was that or the glass of rum which followed it I do not pretend to say. When he came on board all of the natives who happened to be on board at the time on coming into his presence would make him a low bow stooping nearly to the deck. There are a number of white men on the island living with the natives but none of them having much influence with them. There is a collection of ruins here giving evidence of some higher state of civilization than exists at present here. A great number of conjectures have been hazarded as to their origin but it is involved in obscurity the most probable sup-

position being that it is the remains of a Spanish settlement but when settled and by whom is not known.

One day while we were lying here the natives got up a feast and happening on shore I went up to the feast-house which I found to be a large hut about fifty feet long and open at each end. A fire is built on some stakes and when they are heated sufficiently the coals are scraped off and a dog which is a rare delicacy among the natives is laid on the stones wrapped in plantain leaves and the whole covered with dust and left to cook. We were offered some but respectfully declined not feeling very hungry for dog. We laid here three weeks during the time taking in wood and water and then paying the squaws and sending them on shore we proceeded to sea once more bound to the Japan Sea.

Chapter VI.

Japan

We now had moderate weather with nothing of incident to vary the scene until we entered the Blue or Eastern Sea. Our course took us over a bank which was studded with Japanese junks cod-fishing. We lowered a boat and boarded one carrying some nice Breadfruit but when we went on board the crew ran and hid themselves and for some time would not appear but finally ventured out and on our presenting them what we had brought seemed quite surprised thinking