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Turn for another furrow, Yet along the row; Nearly now among them-How they rise and go Circling all behind me To the fresh-turned soil! So they ever follow Till the field is ploughed.

Thus the weary burdens, Mortals have to bear, Can be made much lighter If we weigh them fair: Bluebird, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Lark and Dove, God sends to cheer the ploughman

Who heeds His signs of love. -W. COTTEN DOWNING. March 15th, '88.

MADAGASCAR.

Written for FISHERMAN & FARMER.

During the last few days of our stay in Batavia we were kept very busy preparing for a long sea voyage across the Indian Ocean. At 8 A. M., December 22d, 1883, we hove up anchor and left Batavia, Java, under steam. About six months previous to this date a terrible volcanic eruption had occurred in Java, the whole the exception of occasional skirmof Java heads about 25 miles of the island had sank, with a loss of 25,000 lives; seven rocky islands had sprung | time. up in the Straits of Sunda. As we entered Sunda Straits we encoun tered large fields of pumice stone and ashes which had been thrown up during the recent eruption. The straits was covered with lumps of pumice stone, some of them very large pieces. We were all very anxious to secure pieces as relics, and we managed to secure several pieces. The facts that we have related concerning this eruption are as we heard them while at Batavia. The papers as we were unable to obtain them at of the United States at that time contained a graphic account of the catastrophe. And nearly 3000 miles from the scene of the eruption we saw pieces of the pumice stone floating on the ocean. About 2 A. M., on the 23d, we entered the Indian ocean and shaped our course for Madagas car, distance about 3.660 miles. Christmas day came in bright and very warm; how different from our Christmas at home! Some of us had hung up our stocking the night before but received no presents, as old father Neptune will not allow Santa Clause to invade his domains. this day, and although we were at We found vegetables very scarce and sea several hundred miles from land so what we needed most we could we had a regular Christmas dinner, only get but a small quantity. As but instead of turkeys we had chick. there was no place to obtain provis- the liberal share of patronage received ens and ducks. And as we sat down ions nearer than the East coast of to the table our thoughts were across Africa we were in a right bad fix. two oceans to the dear ones at home We had only layed in sufficient who no doubt were thinking of us as provisions at Java to last us to this they sat down to their Christmas place as we knew we could get plenty dinner. The day was observed by at Tamatave, not knowing the port divine service during the morning. was blockaded. We had a very pleasant passage across the Indian ocean, nothing to hungry long as there was plenty of break the monotony of the voyage fruit to get, so we bought a large except several water spouts which we stock of bananas, oranges and cocoasaw about three miles away. We nuts. did not see land or sail until the Beef we found very plentiful as morning of January 18th, 1884, we large numbers of cattle run wild on

found the port blockaded by several French Man of Wars, and as we had no bill of health from Java we were compelled to go in Quarentine, which did not make any difference to us, as we were not allowed communication with the shore. The French had possession of the town.

We were unable to learn what the the following: difficulty was between France and Madagascar, there was not much Hovas, natives, had a battery several miles from the town and shots were town as their guns were inferior to those of the French, consequently they were afraid to get within range

This island is governed by a Queen who holds her court at Tanan, the cap ital; her name is Ranava'amaujaka. We had not the pleasure of seeing her majesty, we heard that she was a very fine looking woman.

At the expiration of three days we were allowed to haul down our Quarentine flag; when the Amer can Consul paid us a visit he was brought to the ship by one of the French boats, as our b ats were not permit ted inside of the blockade. From the Consul we learned that the French had some claim on Madagas car which the Queen refused to acknowledge, and France had sent several vessels of war to compel them to accede to her claims, with ishes with the natives there had not een any battles fought up to that

Our ship lay about four miles from the town and close to a sm ll island covered with a dense woods, which was infested with wild animals, at night we could hear the cries of the beasts on the island. This is and was the home of hundreds of large vampire bats. We could see them flying from the is'and to the main land in the morning, and back again at night.

We were short of provisions and Tamatave we left there on the morning of the 25th, for a small village on the main island called Fenerive, about 60 miles above Tamatave. where we arrived the same afternoon. We found that the village cons sted of about 15 houses and about 60 inhab. itants, chiefly natives. We were not able to obtain much provisions here. We found beef very plentiful and cheap, also all kinds of tropical fruits in the greatest abundance; bananas, oranges, pine apples, mangoves and cocoanuts. The largest and finest bunches of bananas seiling for 25c. We were able to obtain a few chickens and ducks at a rather high price.

We ware determined not to go

sighted the coast of Madagascar. the island. As fresh beef would not On our arrival at Tamatave, which keep long in this hot climate we Parties wishing an agent in this section is the principal sea port town, we could not take but a small quantity

to sea with us. The fate of the poor sailor is indeed hard sometimes.

TO BE CONTINUED.

DON ARTURO.

CONSUL JERNIGAN HEARD FROM.

The News and Observer gives us

We have an exceedingly pleasant letter from Consul Jernigan, at Hiogo, fighting done on either side. The Japan, accompanying specimens of English papers published in Ykohama, for which we are much obliged and which are very creditable in all J. S. JOHNSON & CO., occasionally exchanged, but the respects, showing more clearly than Hovas could do no damage to the anything else how the whole world is closely bound together already by the ties of commerce and how the hinglish language is rapidly becoming the universal language, in trade at least. of the ships laying at anchor off the Mr. Jernigan writes, with all the longing for home of the genuine

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