White Shadows In The South

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leaping from crag to crag and wild horses running in the upper valleys.

A score or more of white ribbons depended from the lofty heights, and through the binoculars I saw them to be waterfalls. They were like silver cords swaying in the wind, and when brought nearer by the glasses. brought nearer by the glasses, I saw that some of them were heavy torrents, while others, gauzy as wisps of chiffon, hardly veiled the black walls behind them.

Teh whole island dripped. The air was saturated, the decks were wet, and among the shelves of basalt that jutted from the cliffs a hunderd-blowioles spouted and roared. In ages of endeavor the ocean had made chambers in the rock and cut passages to the top, through which, at every surge of the pounding waves, the water rushed and rose high in

Iron-bound, the mariner calls this coast, and the word makes one see the powerful, severe mold of it. Molten rock fused in subterranean fires and cast above the sea cooled into these ominous ridges and stern

unyielding wolls. There upo the deck I determined not to leave until I had lived for a time amid these wild scenes. My intention had been to voyage with the Morning Star, returning, with her to Tahiti, but a mysterious voice called to me from the dusky valleys. I could not leave without penetrating into those abrupt and melancholy depths of forest without endeavoring, though ever so feebly, to stir the cold brew of legend and tale fast disappearing in stupor and forgetfulness.

liked company and would regret my ors, who carried us through the surf contribution to the expense account. and set my luggage among the thick Gedge joined him in serious opposi-tion to the plan, urging that I would were dressed to call upon the govnot be able to find a place to live, that ernor, whose inauguration was to take there was no hotel, club, lodging or place that afternoon, and leaving my food for a stranger. But I was determined to stay, though I must ploding Eggs, we set off up the valley. sleep under a breadfruit-tree. As I The rough road, seven or eight feet was a mere roamer, with no calendar wide, was raised on rocks above the to set them on the beach.

are landing-places, one in front of a sides were beautiful.

Store, the other leading only to the The government house was set half the basalic wall of the cliffs, and ravine. It was a wooden house of four-against them the waves, pound con-tinuously. The beach of Taha-Uka dah surrounded by an acre of ground was a mile from where we lay and fenced in. The sward was the brilnot available for traffic, but around a liantly green, luxuriant wild growth shoulder of the bluffs was hidden the that in these lands covers every foot tiny bay of Atuona, where goods of earth surface. Cocoanuts and

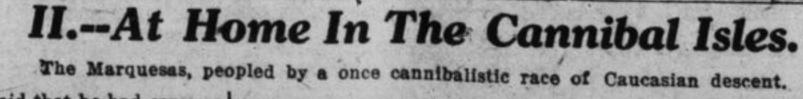
rigger canoe, frail and hardly large rant bloom. Pineapples grew against enough to hold the body of a slender the palings, and a bed of lettuce flourhis middle he wore a red and yellow macy, a kitchen, and a shelter for pareu, and his naked body was like a servants. ed his tiny craft. When he came over the veranda three score Marquesans

agent special, commissaire, postmaster; a beau sabreur, veteran of
many campaigns in Africa, dressed
in khaki, medals on his chest, full of
gay words and fierce words, drinking
his rum neat, and the pink of cour
the was monsieur Andre Bauda,
ments, though it has ever been the
custom of all Polynesians to put
flowers and wreaths upon their heads.
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As we approached Hiva-oa the Valley. It lay before us, a long and



had black, streaming hair, sloe eyes, and grandeur makes for no confidence from the hold, and my new purchase through tangled jungle growth to the and an arch expression. Her manner from the lowly.

was artlessly ingratiating, and her Lam Kai Oo, an aged Chinaman, loaded in a ship's boat, with the iron house painted bright blue and roofed

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birth, and tatooed in her childhood. beside his corpa furnace and his and foot pieces in the brilliant sun-

not brown like the Hawaiians' or yel- the courteous invitation of the govlow like the Chinese, but like that of ernor to stay at the palace, for offiwhites grown dark in the sun. She cialdom never knows its surroundings beheld the packing-case brought up ously in the narrow path, led me

sweetness of disposition was not marked by hauteur. When I noticed store, came eagerly to my rescue with in Atuona for the second time, high midst of the forest, it was raised that her arm was tatooed, she slipped an offered lease of his deserted store astride the sewed-up mattress on top from the ground on a paepae, a great off her dress and sat naked to the and bakeshop. From Canton he had waist to show all her adornment.

Waist to show all her adornment. There was an inscription of three labor bosses of western America to help build the transcontinental rail-her wrist, the letters nearly an inch in length, crowded together in careless inartistry. The legend was as for John Hart. He saw the destruction of that plantation, escaped the told me, or being trigor to thrash the tax-tree more vigorously. The meeting adjourned instantly, and the memory of any living man. It they hurried down from the frame was fifty feet broad and as long, Tahiakeana Teikimoeatipanie Pahaka plague of opium, and with his scant building that housed the government raised eight feet from the earth. savings made himself a petty merchant in Atuona. Now he was old restrained. A score of eager hands Above the small blue-walled ho and had retired up the valley to the stripped the coverings from the brass These were the names given her at home he had long established there bed, and exposed the glittering head

"It's a go," I said. On the deck of the Morning Star I My Golden Bed, lurching precari-

tan parallels. The glow of a pipe and the solace of tobacco aided the rhythm of the prophets in dispelling the ghosts of the gloom, but never shipwrecked mariner greeted the dark skinned, with a serene counter-

At midnight I accompanied a happy governor rob his palace, which had one spare bedroom, sketchilly furnished motions in anties that set them roaring with the hearty roars of the continue the dancers advanced toward and in accremonious way in the veranda and in accremonious way in the part of rose-colored silk, with pistol in hand, shedding electric rays upon me from a battery lamp. There was anxiety in his manner as he said:

"You save that house belong lep," had seldom passed such a night, spoke glowingly of the forest and the stream, and said that I was still determined to stay. belind when the stream, and said that I was still determined to stay. belind when the stream, and said that I was still determined to stay. belind when the stream, and said that I was still determined to stay. belind when the stream, and said that I was still determined to stay. belind when the stream, and said that I was sti lowed the barbaric procession

Above the small blue-walled house the rocky peak of Temetiu rose steeply, four thousand feet into the air, its lower reaches clothed in jungle-vines, and trees, its summit dark green under a clear sky, but black when the sun was hidden.

Beside the house the river brawled through a green wood of breadfruit. cocoanut, vi-apple, mango and lime trees. The tropical heat distilled from their leaves a drowsy woodland odor which filled the two small whitewashed rooms, and the shadows of the trees, falling through the wide un-glassed windows, made a sun-flecked pattern on the black stone floor. This was the House of Lepers, now rechristened the House of the Golden Bed, which was to be my home

through the unknown days before me. The next day I watched the Morning Star lift her sails and move slowly out of the Bay of Traitors into the open sea, with less regret than I have ever felt in that moment of wistful ness which attends the departure of a sailing ship. Exploding Eggs, at my side, read correctly my returning eyes. "Kaoha!" he said, with a wid smile of welcome, and with him and Vai, my next-door neighbor, I re-

turned gladly to my paepae. Vai, or in English, Water, was youth of twenty years, a dandy; on ordinary occasions naked, except for the pareu about his loins, Sundays or when courting, rejoin in the gayest of European clothes. He river bank with his mother and sister. All were of a long line of chiefs, and all marvelously large and handsome.

The mother, Titihuti, would have been beloved of the ancient artists who might have drawn her for an Amazon. I have never seen another woman of such superb carriage. Her hair was blood-red, her brow lofty, and an indescribable air of majesty and pride spoke eloquently of her descent from fathers and mothers of power. She had wonderful legs, statuesque in mold and tatooed from ankles to thigh in most amazine patterns. To a Marguesan of her gen-eration the tattooed legs of a shapely woman were the highest reach of

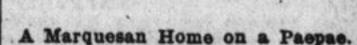
The legs of Titihuti were tatooe from toes to ankles with a net-like pattern and from the ankles to the waistline, where the design terminated in a handsome girdle, there were curves, circles and filigree, all in accord, all part of a harmonious whole, and most pleasing to the eye. The pattern upon her feet was much like that of sandals or high moccasins, indicating a former use of leg-cover-

ings in a cold climate. Kake, her daughter, had been christened for her mother's greatest charm for her name means Tattooed to the Loins, though there was not a tabtoo mark upon her. She was a beautiful, stately girl of nineteen or twenty, married to a devoted native to whom, shortly after my arrival she presented his own living minis ture. I was the startled witness of the birth of this babe, the delight of

his father's heart.

My neighbors and I had the same bathing hour, soon after daylight, and usually chose the same pool in the





through the skill of the boat-steerer Lying Bill protested volubly; he and the strength of the Tahitian sail-

or even a watch, I had but to fetch jungle and was bordered by giant my few belongings ashore and be a banana plants and cocoanuts. At this Marquesan. Those belongings I season all was swamp below us, the gathered together, and finding me ob- orchard palms standing many feet durate, Lying Bill reluctantly agreed deep in water and mud, but their long green fronds and the darker tangle of On either side of Taha-Uka inlet wild growth on the steep mountain-

These are stairways cut in a mile farther on in the narrowing Mango-trees rose from this volunteer While we discussed this, around lawn, and under them a dozen rosethose jutting rocks shot a small out- bushes, thick with excessively fragquesan boy who paddled it. About | ished in the rear beside a tiny phar-

small and perfect statue as he handl- On the spontaneaus verdure before

Idling Away the Sunny Hours. Civilization has all but stifled it in the side I saw that he was about thirteen years old and very handsome, tawny in complexion, with regular features and an engaging smile.

His name, he said, was Nakohu, which means Exploding Eggs. This last touch was all that was needed; without further ado I at once engaged him as valet for the period of my stay in the Marquessas. His duties would be to help in conveying my luggage ashore, to ald me in the mysteries of cooking breadfruit and such other edibles as I might discover, and their features, clean-cut and severe.

His side I saw that he was about the veranda three score Marquesans stood or squatted, the men in shirts and overalls and the women in tunies. Their skins, not brown nor red nor yellow, but tawny like that of the white man deeply tanned by the sun, reminded me again that these people may trace back their ancestry to the Caucasian cradle. The hair of the women was adorned with gay flowers or the leaves of the false coffee bush. Their single garments of gorgeous colors clung to their straight, rounded bodies, their dark eyes were soft and full of light as the eyes of deer, and their features, clean-cut and severe.

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to converse me with the Marquesan. In return, he was to profit by the honor of being attached to my person, by an option on such small articles as I might leave behind on my departure, and by the munificant salary of about five cents a day. His gratitude and delight knew no bounds. Hardly had the arrangement been made when a whaleboat rowed by Marquesans followed in the wake of the cance, and a tall, rangy F enchman climbed aboard the Morning Star. He was Monsieur Andre Bauda, agent special, commissaire, post-



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