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A NAVAL OFFICER DESCRIBES SOME UNIQUE EXPERIENCES THERE.

How the Natives Smear Their Bodies with Coconut Oil—A Liquor That is Not Particularly Palatable—A Curious Toboggan Slide—History of the Samoan Difficulty.

The people of three nations at least are now reading with interest the latest reports from the far Pacific, where the conduct is quite the reverse of pacific. After a year of squabbling the Germans and Americans in the Samoan Islands have reached the point of actual fighting, the government at Washington is taking vigorous measures and



A STREET BATTLE.

(From Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.) There is a general curiosity about the islands. The narrative annexed is, therefore, quite timely, but before reading what the officer says it is well to note a little history.

In 1878 the United States made a treaty with the king and ruling chiefs of Samoa, by which the former obtained the harbor of Pango-Pango as a coaling station, as the islands are on the direct line of mail ships in the Pacific. Of course similar privileges had to be granted to other nations, and about that time Bismarck began to introduce his colonial policy; so, on the 2d of September, 1879, a treaty was made between Samoa, Germany, Great Britain and the United States, by which the three powers guaranteed the independence of Samoa, but the city of Apia and near vicinity were practically put under control of the consuls of the three great powers. The proper construction of this treaty is really the matter in issue between Germany on one side and the United States on the other. The Germans have recognized and supported a chief who overthrew the former king, Malietoa, and claim the right to make a new treaty with the new king; the Americans in the islands object, and in a very quiet way are supporting the other side. Each party denounces the native supporters of the other side as "rebels," and finally, encouraged by an alleged American named Klein, the party of the old king have fought a German expedition, killing some twenty and wounding thirty-six. Hence the present row. With these facts the reader will appreciate the annexed talk of a naval officer, who visited Samoa in 1878, during the negotiation of the treaty signed by England, Germany, the United States and the Samoan government. He was stationed at Apia three months, and had, as he expresses it, a glorious time.

"Samoa is the most fruitful spot on the globe," said he. Oranges, bananas, coconuts, bread fruit and all other fruits common to the tropics grow there in great profusion. I have ridden along roads covered with two crops of oranges, which were lying there, rotting for want of some one to pick them up. "King Malietoa is a mighty nice fellow, and treated us royally. In fact, the people there are all hospitable, and did all they could to make things pleasant for us. Sometimes they carried it too far. I remember on one occasion I was invited, with some of the officers of the ship, to go out into the country a short distance and be entertained by a chief. I forgot his name. We took along a guard of twenty marines. After the rude ceremonies were over the chief made a signal, and about eighty pigs were brought from a short distance, where they had been corralled, and presented to us. The American consul, who was with our party, said we would have to take those pigs back to town or the chief would be highly insulted. The marines presented arms, got back of the porkers, and they were driven into town at the point of the bayonet. The natives watched us out of sight, to see that we didn't lose a pig. When we struck town the consul came to our aid, and we stowed away the pigs in his back yard, where they remained until we sailed. The crew lived on pork for three weeks after that.

"The most disagreeable thing I encountered in Apia was the cussed coconut oil. It was everywhere. The natives smear themselves all over with it, and after it has been on for about three days, phew! it got rancid, and how it would stink! They used to come aboard and sit around on the deck in the hot sun. Wherever they sat they would leave their mark, and it took us a month of hard



AN AMERICAN RESIDENCE AT APIA.

holly stoning to get the stains out of the deck. "Once I was invited with a number of other officers to a dinner given by one of the chiefs. The girls, whose duty is to chew a certain root and spit it into a bowl until the concoction is of the right thickness, were in charge of an old hag, who made them stand around if they didn't obey orders. After awhile the bowl of chewed root and water was passed around the circle. "Have we got to drink that stuff? I said to a brother officer who sat next to me. "Can't get out of it," said he. He had been there before. Just then the bowl came to

him, and he took a gulp of the horrible stuff. He turned slightly pale, and my stomach began to churn.

"Hanged if I swallow any of it!" I whispered, but the old chief had his eyes on me.

"Drink—yum, yum!" he said to me, and I downed it.

"One thing I noticed in particular about the Samoans. They are very strict in their observance of the Sabbath. Why, a man couldn't hire a native to row him ashore on Sunday for love or money. This is due, of course, to the work of the missionaries. There was one place near Apia that I often visited. It was a Samoan toboggan slide. That explains what I mean better than anything else I can think of. There was a large pool of water, and on one side was a large rock. It sloped down into the water, and was smooth as glass. Well, the natives would strip—which wasn't a hard task, by the way—and get up on top of that rock and slide down into the water. I never shall forget the first time I went out to that place. The natives, of course, were covered all over with the detestable coconut oil, and it was one of the funniest things I ever saw to watch a sleek Samoan get up on top of that rock and set himself—that is, make himself rigid—and slide down into the water. Their long black bodies would go down the slide of the rock like greased lightning. We were finally prevailed on by one of the chiefs to indulge in this queer game. It was great sport, and we often went afterward."

PORTLAND'S NEW LIBRARY.

It Was Presented to the City by James P. Baxter, and Has 32,000 Volumes.

Portland, Me., rejoices in the completion of a splendid building for the Portland Public Library and the Maine Historical Society; and interest in the new structure is not a little heightened by the fact that it is entirely the work of one man. He drew all the plans, arranged all the details and gave the money. This generous gentleman is James P. Baxter, a native of Gorham, Me., but resident in Portland since boyhood. He is 58 years old



and has had a remarkably active and successful life as law student, writer for the press, manufacturer, banker and director of various



J. P. BAXTER AND THE NEW LIBRARY.

institutions. Through all this work he has been a great reader and collector of historical data, a patron of art and a public spirited citizen.

The building has a frontage of seventy-two feet and a depth of sixty-two, and is very handsome, as well as convenient for the purpose. Mr. Baxter made a thorough study of public library buildings before fixing upon a design, and gave no one a hint of his intention until the building as it now is was thoroughly planned. The main entrance is into a handsome hallway, which leads to the room of the Portland Art club. Beside it are the boys' reading room and the general reading room. Up stairs are the hall where the Maine Historical Society will hold its meetings, the library rooms and other divisions usual in such buildings. Around the rooms are busts and portraits of Maine's distinguished citizens. The library now contains a little over 32,000 volumes, including some very valuable historical papers, and the data of some of these were collected and reduced to readable form by Mr. Baxter himself.

The gem of the art collection, as Portland people think, is the work of Maine's own artist, Paul Akers. This is the statue known as the "Dead Pearl Diver." Mr. Akers' finest work. It combines simplicity, purity and beauty in a rare degree. Stretched on a smooth rock at the bottom of the sea lies the drowned pearl diver, a youth of perfect manly proportions, impressive in repose, graceful even in death. The statue was valued at \$10,000, but the widow of the artist reduced the price one-half, that the Portland Public Library association might secure it. The Portland Society of Art has its building in the rear of the new library building.

Bishop Vincent.

Rev. Boyd Vincent, who was recently consecrated with imposing ceremonies assistant bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Southern Ohio, was born in Erie, Pa., forty-four years ago. He was prepared for college at Erie academy, and was graduated at Yale with honors in the class of '67. After completing his course in theology at Berkeley school in 1871 he was ordained to the diaconate, and he began his ministry as assistant to the Rev. J. F. Spaulding at St. Paul's, Erie. In 1873

he was advanced to the priesthood, and in 1874 he was called to the rectorship of Calvary church, Pittsburg, where he remained until his recent appointment. Under his regime Calvary church, which he found in very indifferent condition, has prospered wonderfully, and is now one of the most important churches of its diocese. Mr. Vincent has declined several calls, notably one to the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, as successor to Dr. Leonard, now rector of St. John's church, in Washington. He is a member of the diocesan committee on canons.



BISHOP VINCENT.

A Buffalo Joke.

This is how it begins: An individual comes up to you, very much pleased about something, slaps you on the shoulder and exclaims: "Say!" Of course you reply: "What?" Then he says: "I just saw something up here in a street car that would tickle you." Foolishly you ask: "What was it?" Then he braces himself for the final effort and yells: "A straw! haw, haw, haw! I'll take a cigar."—Buffalo Courier.

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