

ment road, with a fine bike path all the way. I got about 50 views of the scenery and curious trees and plants for the Liberal University.

Oahu, the second in size of the group of islands, is about 40 miles across both ways, but has capes running out in all directions and deep bays running inland, so it is very irregular. There is only one harbor where large ships can get through the coral reef. This is Honolulu harbor, and the channel is so narrow that two ships can not pass at once. Small steamers and schooners come into many little bays around the island and bring produce to Honolulu for shipment. Sugar and rice are the principal marketable products, but quite a lot of coffee is also raised here. Most of the coffee is raised on the larger island, Hawaii, about 200 miles southeast of here. I go there today to get views of the great volcanoes (the largest in the world) and to see the agricultural section, which is said to be very rich.

Some of the views here are grand beyond description—that of the "Pali" especially. This is where the great king of Hawaii cornered the ancient people of this island and compelled them to give up or jump over. It is said many thousands of them jumped over and their bones are there yet. The fall is straight down 1280 feet, and the bottom is jagged blocks of lava. The "Pali" is six miles out nearly north of Honolulu. The grade is steadily up and the canyon walls reach up on both sides, a nearly perpendicular rock, to about 3500 feet. It winds around and one has no idea of the end so near until a short turn is reached and the walls break away right and left and the great Pacific stretches out before you, while at your feet extends a valley 16 miles long and 8 or 10 wide, with sugar and rice fields and castor-bean plantations, spread out under you like a map, in all shades of green, with the white coral reef in front and the dark blue waves dashing up in feathery spray over it, and the still, deep water next the shore. Then the wall of jet black lava and gray volcanic rocks 3000 feet high makes the frame to one of the finest pictures I have ever seen.

On that ride I passed through miles of guava groves (wild). The fruit is about like the naval orange in size and outward appearance, with seeds mixed through the pulp like a fig. It has a very high flavor and the outer hull is too spicy to eat. The blossoms are small and very fragrant, as are all the flowers on the island, and the fruit is in all stages of growth, ripe fruit coming all the time. I believe I saw, one afternoon, enough ripe guavas to fill all the jelly glasses in the United States. They are as free as air to anybody, and I "didn't do a thing" to about a peck of them.

Pineapples are cultivated in fields and grow very large here. I got one for a nickel that would weigh three or four pounds, and they are delicious for a hot day and a warm biker. Cocoanuts and bananas are everywhere, wild and cultivated, but the date palms are not so plentiful, although there are quite a lot of them, too. A wild plum grows here, about the size of a petit prune (tree like a large apple tree and leaves like the willow), which is very hard to describe. Imagine a ripe petit, with a little essence of cinnamon and a little lemon juice in it, and a dash of choke cherry juice over all, and that is the plum. Then the pappia (three syllables; accent on the pi)—imagine several dozens of canteloupe melons at the top of a fir pole 18 to 25 feet high and a sheaf of big green leaves over all; seeds like No. 4 shot in the melons; that is the pappia fruit. It is eaten the same as a melon. You all know the bananas and dates. They are the same on the trees as you see them in stores, only the dates are in big clusters, nearly like grapes, with bushels of them in a bunch, at the top of a palm tree. But the cocoanuts you would not recognize if you met them in the road. Imagine small, smooth pumpkins, and from dozens to hundreds in circles around the top of the tree, capped by the fern-like palm leaves: these are cocoanuts. I think an acre of one grove here would load an ordinary freight train at one picking.

I will tell about the natives and their food in my next.

Did you ever know a sculptor or painter who, except to order, would or could produce statues or paintings of men, women and children with blind eyes, lame legs, twisted spines, club-feet idiot skulls, etc.? Nay, do you think you could induce a toy-maker to turn out such monstrosities, human or bestial? The most contemptible toy-maker in the world would be ashamed to copy some of "God's" living and suffering workmanship. If "God" made dolls and toys with all the defects and perversions of unfortunate human beings, it were bad enough; but to make living, thinking, emotional human beings so, to make them so that they must feel ashamed of themselves!—what can be said of such conduct? And how much longer will men, not otherwise mad, be content to worship the assumed author of all human and other monsters? What absolute degradation! What a perversion of all that is right and fit and proper! Surely it is more rational and more moral, a thousandfold, to believe that nature is without a creator and ruler, one or both, than to believe that any creator could exist mad and malicious enough to make things as they are, or rule and run things as he is assumed to do. No self-respecting being could own this world without doing his best to improve it; and of course no such being could have made it or can be running it. All known facts demonstrate that truth.—[Liberator.]

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