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MODERN HONOLULU HOME.

egress. From a distance these habita tions looked not unlike haystacks that dot the prairies of the West. But civilization took root easily in the tropical country. The brown-skinned, sunnydispositioned people were apt at imitation, and the manners and customs of America soon became the manners and customs of Hawaii. Now the islands are modernized and Americanized. The huts have given way to handsome palaces and well-built domiciles. The dirt floors have been replaced with polished woods and glancing marble. The



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