



PLAZA CONSTITUCIÓN, SANTA CRUZ, TENERIFFE.

CHAPTER II.

GIBRALTAR TO MADEIRA AND TENERIFFE (CANARY ISLANDS)

Leave Gibraltar—Daily sounding and trawling—Sight Porto Santo—Its discovery and early history—Arrive and anchor in Funchal Bay, Madeira—Its early history—First impressions—The gardens, buildings, conveyances, dress—Leave Madeira—Pass the Desertas—Cape Anaga—Teneriffe sighted—The Peak—Anchor off Santa Cruz—The buildings and streets—Scenery in the country—Ascent of the Peak—Cruising amongst the group—Sounding and dredging—Ball at the English Consulate—Naval incidents connected with Teneriffe.

WHILE at Gibraltar, a new survey was made of the inner mole, the ship's chronometers rated, and magnetic observations obtained. On 26th January we left the anchorage and proceeded round Europa Point, and as the day was well advanced, hastened on