



WOMEN ON HORSEBACK, HONOLULU. SANDWICH ISLANDS.

CHAPTER XIV.

JAPAN TO THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Leave Yokohama—Soundings of the U.S. ship *Tuscarora*—Our course—Passing the meridian of 180° —Two Sundays in one week—Sandwich Islands in sight—Anchor in Honolulu Harbour—The city—Its streets—Business habits—American influence—The king—Hawaiian Government—Parliament—Taxation—The Nuanu valley—Pretty scenes—Villa and other residences—The Pali—Horsemanship—Visit to the fish-market—The natives—Public buildings—Parliament House—Hawaiian hotel—The churches—Queen's Hospital—Court House—Iolani Palace—Levée at the palace—King Kalakua and suite visit the *Challenger*—Leave the Island of Oahu—Squally passage to Hawaii—Arrive and anchor in Hilo Bay—Volcanoes of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa—The charming scenery—The Rainbow Falls—Bathing-places—Visit to the crater of Kilauea—Scenes on the road—The Halfway House—Reach the crater—The first sight of the great cauldron—The Volcano Hotel—Mauna Loa—Return to Hilo.

JUNE 16th.—This morning terminated our stay in Japanese waters. At noon all was ready, and soon