



FIG. 74.—Sand-glacier overwhelming a Garden, Elbow Bay, Bermudas. (*From photograph.*)

managed to turn the flank of the sand by this means just as it was on the point of engulfing his house; but another was either too late in adopting precautionary measures, or perhaps submitted helplessly to his fate, for all that now remains of his cottage is the top of one of the chimneys projecting above the white sand like a tombstone, with a great bush of oleander drooping over it (Fig. 75). On its path upward from the beach, this "glacier" has overwhelmed a wood of cedars (Fig. 76). Fire-wood is valuable in Bermudas, and it is probable that in this case the trees were cut down when their fate seemed inevitable. This is always an unwise step, for sometimes an apparently very slight obstacle will stay the movement of the sand in a particular direction. The only way of stopping it artificially seems to be to cover it with vegetation. If planted in large numbers, and tended and watered for a time, it seems that oleanders and the native juniper will grow in the pure sand, and if they once take root the motion of the sand ceases.