

of wood fastened together with cross-pieces, is below the surface; and three or four of those fellows, with their scanty garments—usually reduced to a pair of short drawers—and their smooth dark skins, look oddly, as if they were running about on the water without any support. One of the catamaran men spoke to us in English, and we attached him to us as interpreter, and told him to go before us to the far landing-place, and then guide us to the governor's quarters. Finding the sea running so high at the landing-place as to be scarcely safe for a ship's boat, we pulled along the shore, and, taking advantage of a lull between the breakers, we ran the boat up on the far beach, and sprung out beyond reach of the surf. The road to the town lay in a hollow beyond the sea-cliff. The road was tolerably good, some part of the way through sand and gravel, with a tangle of bushes, most of them covered with thick masses of the long yellowish stems of the parasitical *Cuscuta Americana*. Among them was growing here and there *Jatropha urens*, one of the most noxious of the island plants, stinging like a nettle, only much more bitterly. On the sides of the road the scrub became very dense—Euphorbias and leguminous plants, covered with a tangle of creepers belonging to many genera of the *Circurbitaceæ*, the *Convolvulaceæ*, and *Leguminosæ*. The flowers of most of these were over, but still some pretty blue tufts of pea-bloom were scattered over the trees, and a little cucumber was abundantly covered with pale-yellow flowers and scarlet fruit.

Near the village the road crosses a ravine, along the sides of which there are some fine banyan-trees. A pretty little dove was in myriads in the woods. They were so tame that they would scarcely rise until we came close up to them; and if we clapped our hands, they rose in a cloud, hovered in the air for a moment, and then settled down again.

On the way our guide gave us some information about the place, which we found, on further inquiry, to be correct. Fer-