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### "CLEAR ROUND"

STARTING from New York in September, 1902, and crossing our Continent via New Orleans, to the Pacific Coast, we sail from San Francisco, on the S. S. China, of the Pacific Mail Line.

We steamed slowly down through the Golden Gate and past the silent guns of Alcatraz, which command its entrance, out to the open sea. The next morning we felt the breath of the tropics and on the sixth day we sighted the Hawaiian Islands, the Paradise of the Pacific.

#### THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

The island of Molokai first showed its mountain peaks, then came Oahu on the right; we rounded Diamond Head and entering a narrow channel we arrive at Honolulu.

#### Honolulu

Honolulu is a city of foliage and flowers. The residence portion has the appearance of a land of country villas, as each homestead is surrounded by

large gardens filled with tropical trees and plants. There are a few broad avenues, but most of the streets are narrow and go winding aimlessly through the town. Among the public buildings are the National Palace, the Government Building, the Free Library and the Queen's Hospital. There are fine business blocks built of brick and stone, also excellent hotels and attractive drives into the country.

Honolulu has a population of about thirty thousand, of which more than fifty per cent are Japanese and Chinese. The Japanese have more than doubled in number during the past ten years. This influx is due to the influence of the sugar planters in the importation of cheap labor. There are many educated Japanese prominent in business circles. The Chinaman in Hawaii is a useful and respected citizen, and in their quarters one sees none of the filthy alleys or unsightly homes; many of them are independent farmers, raising most of the vegetables that are used on the islands. Honolulu has been termed the "Paradise of the Chinese," and unlike the Japanese, they are not inclined to meddle with politics. Since annexation the Kanaka or native Hawaiian, has become a trusted citizen. No other land shows such a rapid advance from paganism to civilization. They are a good tempered, light hearted, pleasure loving race; fond of riding, most every one being in possession of a horse. They also delight to be in the water, as they are excellent swimmers. In character they are indolent, joyous and contented. They are slowly dying off and are threatened with extinction in the course of a few years. Leprosy exists among them and a leper settlement is established on the island of Molokai.

The industries of Hawaii are only in their infancy—less than one-fourth of the land which can be cultivated is now under improvement. It is estimated that the islands can afford homes for half a million agriculturists, and should manufacturing enterprises be started here, the future may show it to be one of the richest spots on earth. There are three railroads, each operating ten to thirty miles of track. Since annexation, steam traffic has greatly increased. At the docks it will be seen that Honolulu is the port of distribution of all merchandise for the islands; on the wharves are bags of grain, furniture, bricks and cement. The exports are rice, sugar, coffee, raw hides, bananas and pineapples.

The most popular resort of the island is the famous Waikiki, the Long Branch of Honolulu. Here are fine private residences, picturesque cottages and delicious groves of cocoanut trees, which were the favorite resort of early kings. There is no fairer beach, no smoother bottom, no clearer water than at Waikiki.