

however, a peculiar nasal sound, particularly in those who indulge in the latter class of singing.

Social amusements are prohibited by severe penalties, although the people are evidently fond of them: I neither saw nor heard myself of any dancing or theatrical amusements during our stay. Some of the officers, however, persuaded a few females to exhibit a dance, upon the strict assurance that they should not be informed against. Mats were spread upon the floor, on which two of the girls stood up to dance, while the others sat cross-legged around. One of the latter began by uttering a few words of no delicate import, in reply to which all the others made a sort of grunt, with the mouth shut. To this succeeds another set of sounds uttered with the mouth open.



To this all keep time, by drawing up the legs, thrusting out the arms, and making all sorts of contortions. In the meantime the two dancers proceed, twisting their bodies into all kinds of lascivious postures. Little can be said for the gracefulness of these motions, although many have described them as such. The whole finishes by a simultaneous clapping of the hands.

The party that was despatched for the purpose of making an attempt to reach the top of Orohena, consisted of fifteen persons, including four natives as guides, and an American of the name of Lewis Sacket, as interpreter. This man was from the State of New York, and was admirably qualified for his duties.

By the advice of the Rev. Mr. Wilson, the party took the route across the island which follows the Pappino valley. The distance on this line, to Lake Waiherea, is no more than twenty-five miles, while by that which follows the shores, it is fifty miles before the point at which the ascent begins is reached. None of the guides were acquainted with this route, and it was therefore necessary to find a person who was. For this purpose they in the first place proceeded towards the eastward from Matavai, for about five miles, to the mouth of the river Pappino, which they reached about 2 P. M. Here they found a guide, and were informed that the stream was much swollen: they however determined to go forward, and were accompanied by a troop of boys and girls with flowers. Before they had proceeded far, they reached a place where it was necessary to ford the stream, which they found difficult on account of the rapidity, although the water was