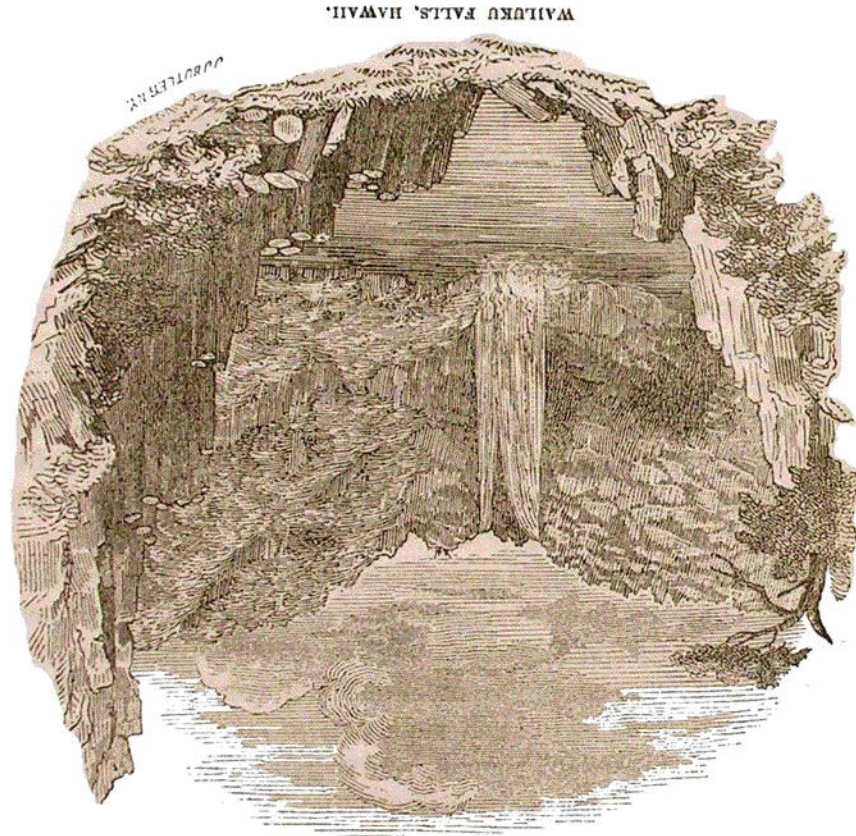


basaltic formation add much to this effect, and might almost lead one to fancy the basin had been built by fairy hands, to enchant the visitor.

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The missionaries often make visits to this beautiful spot in the evening, and one of the first places of interest that they point out to a stranger are these falls. The basin into which they fall is also a favourite resort of the natives for bathing.

The tacca, from which the arrow-root is made, is not cultivated; although it grows wild all over the island. It is gathered and prepared by the natives; but they are not sufficiently careful when they dig up the large roots, to replace the smaller tubers in the ground. From this neglect, the plant is on the decrease. I was told that attempts were making to cultivate it: it grows well in the upland regions, in the poor soil, covered with fragments of lava, which is unsuited for any other culture.

Their mode of preparing the tacca for use is simply by first washing,