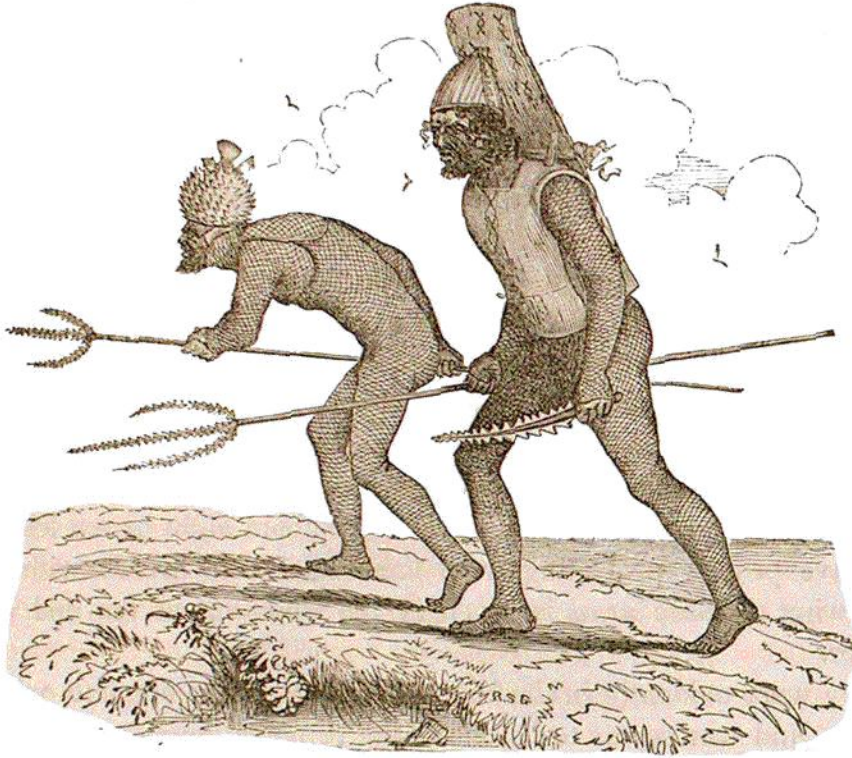


round, with the tail sticking upwards, and the two fins acting as a covering and guard for the ears: its colour is perfectly white, and by its toughness and spines affords protection against the native weapons.



DRUMMOND'S ISLAND WARRIORS.

The ornaments which the natives wore, were strings of beads and human hair. The beads were strung alternately, black and white, and were made of shell and of cocoanut-wood. The strings of human hair resembled watch-guards, and some of them were of the size of packthread. Although the manufacture of this article must have been tedious, yet a great quantity of it was brought off, and bartered for some plugs of tobacco, and a few whales' teeth. Their mats, likewise, constituted an ornament: they were slips of the pandanus braided, and some of these had been bleached, and were of a light straw-colour; others were unbleached and brown: these were interwoven together, so as to produce many kinds of figures, in squares, lozenges, and diamonds. They wore these folded twice, so as to form a triple thickness, which they passed over one shoulder as a scarf, or round the body, securing it with a cord of human hair; the folds of this answered the purposes of pockets, for putting away the tobacco and other articles they had obtained by barter. In default of a mat, they used the lining or upper part of their hat or cap. These mats are about three feet wide by six long.