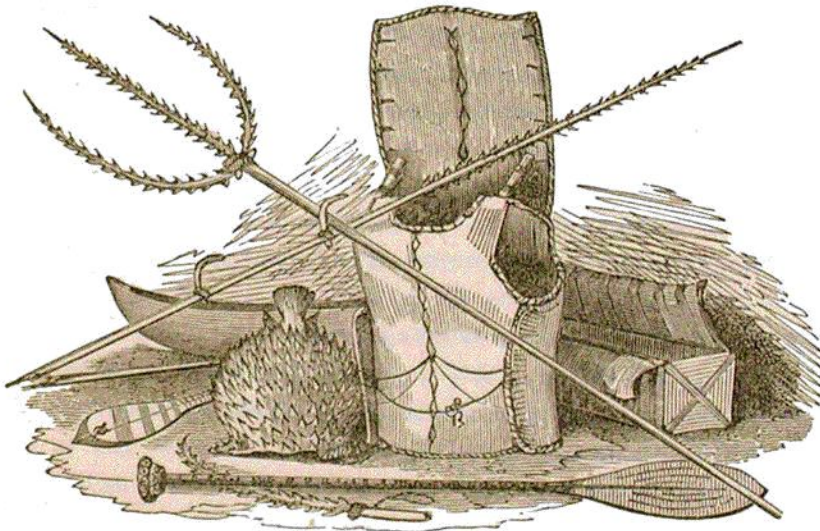


son had a boat lowered at once, by which he was put on board a canoe, that took him to the shore.

Two or three of the officers landed for a short time, but saw nothing except a few fishing huts. Under the eaves of the huts, large shells of the *Tridachna gigas* were placed to catch water. The entrance into the lagoon has four and a half fathoms of water, and is about one-third of a mile in width.

Mr. Peale found no quadrupeds except rats, which were in great plenty, and running in all directions; of birds there were but few; white terns and noddies were seen in the groves, and a few moths were caught.

Mr. Rich found some tall *Pisonias*, *Tournefortias*, two species of *Urticæ*, a *Boerhaavia*, and some cocoa-nuts. On the larger island they seem to have a much greater variety of trees, but it was not visited. They have bread-fruit, taro, and yams of two kinds, which are cultivated in the manner already described.



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