

A GIRL CRUISE.

Trilling Experience of a Missionary's Daughter.

Among the forthcoming fall publications of a well known eastern publishing house is a book which promises to be a treatise with interest, entitled "Missionary Life and Labors in the South Sea Islands."

It is the production of Miss Harriet Durston, a young lady, who has spent her entire life among the scenes which she describes, and who is now actively engaged in the work of promulgating the gospel among the islanders.

Her island home Miss Durston is often familiarly called by her friends the "Young Crusade Mission." To this young reporter who visited her the other evening at her cosy quarters at 630 M. Allister street, Miss Durston related the story of how she came to earn this title. She prefaced her narration by a short biographical sketch of herself and a description of the missionary work of her parents.

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was started in where it struck the rock. Running up to it I saw it was empty. Along the stretch of beach no other object was discernible.

I layed the exposure of water and perceived a dark object bobbing up and down in the surf. A closer view revealed that it was a log of wood almost frozen in my hands. That which was the sport of the waves were the bodies of my dear parents. They were clasped together. Overcoming the feeling of horror and sickness that came over me I dashed into the water up to my waist, and, with a superstitious fear, brought out the bodies from the waves. Dragging them to dry sand I fell over the cold forms in a faintly faint. I recovered my senses only to find again, I will not dwell upon what followed. I sobbed and moaned when I lay all day and night, and prayed that I might be able to see them again.

At night I laid down in some shelter, and used fern leaves as a protection against the damp earth. Four days passed and that night I was on a small island, which appeared to be uninhabited except by a nasty looking species of bat and small pigs and rats. The pigs were wild and savage, and I had to evade them to keep from being attacked.

My only sustenance were coconuts and a species of wild berries. The rats fought on the ground, and they had fallen during storms. According to my reckoning about three months of this monotonous existence passed away. My clothes were worn into tatters. Every morning I bathed in the sea and made a frugal meal on fruit. The rest of the day I spent in exercise and reading. I found in the books a world which I found in the books of the island. I did not fail to put fresh greens on my parents' grave.

The time when I was in the island, I was in a hut made of cane, several miles from where the colony was located. I was very lonesome, and many of the natives had evil dispositions. They professed to respect me, but they were only for the missionaries. Mother's soft and kind way seemed to have no effect upon them, and quite frequently they stole things from us. They will say although it is not a common practice among the Fijians.

One day father reprimanded a sub-chief called Ko-Ko for stealing a jack knife, and in reply the chief threatened to seek vengeance on us. Father had but little fear of them doing anything, but two days afterwards a friendly native came and told us that Ko-Ko and some of his friends would pay a visit that night and probably another father and mother and carry us into captivity, for Ko-Ko had an evil and malicious disposition.

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