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sights in the hawailan isles. (Continued from page 2.)
sulphur greeted us, and withit yarde of the us, and within a few we hotel, in many directions, where holes and seams in the rocks where hot sulphur smoke and steam were encaping, too hot to permit one to hold the hand close to the vent. "The windows of my room overlooked the basin of the crater. This bed of lava is nearly three milles long and two miles wide containing over two thousand six hundred acres, and from its seams are constantly rising clouds of hot vapor. At morning and evening it reminds one of steam rising from water bolling in a cool room. During the mildale of the day when the sun is shining brightly but wittle smoke is seen, and then only the scarred, seamed, trregular surface of black lava lies like a take below. The walls of the crater rise perpendicularly on most sides. At the highest point the elevation is 900 feet. Near one end of the crater is the lake of Halemaumau. By a lake I do not mean a boty of water, as is usually understood by the word, but a deep hole or pit in the lava, varying in size, eccentric in shape, and where there is continual evidence in rising volumes of steam and sulphur smoke of the in tense heat that underlies the crater. "On the afternoen of April 22d our party of six, three of whom, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Guy Gere, formerly Miss Dena Loomis, and myself, were from Linconl, left the hotel accompanied by the gulde Alex, who has made that his principal vocation for over twenty years. The walls are somewhat irregular at the end of the crater nearest the hotel, so that a trail of easy descent has been made to the bed of the crater. It was a strange ride of over three it was a strange ride of over three miles, over the cooled surface of a fiery lake, that at times gave forth a hollow sound under the horses feet, a surface seamed with cracks from which hot vapors escaped, passing through waves of heat, by immense rugged mounds of lava, near small caves that were only cooled bubbles in the lava, until we reached the little corral near Halemaumau, where we dismounted and left our horses. A short distance from the corral we came to cracks in the lava about a foot in width where the heat was so intense that cards placed in a forked stick and held at the surface of the lava were uickly scorched. No fire could be uickiy scorched. No ere lis of leva seen, but at night the walls of lava lhe win hite. The accompanying the pleture was taken by 16 . shows one of our party attempting to ee some evidence of the wrath of the goodess Pele in the regions below. while the guide is scorching the cards Just beyond her. We stepped over the crack and feeling the entense heat of the surface through the soles of our shoes, hurried on to the edge of Halemaumau. Here we endeavored to peer through the thick volume of smoke into the depths below, but one glance convinced us that as we had lost nothing down there we better not linger long on the edge of the lake. We stepped back and listened for the sound as the guide hurled an immense chunk of lava over the edge. It was some moments before the lava struck, and as it started other stones to rolling it sounded like the distant explosion of a bunch of frecrackers. The lava comes and goes in this lake, at times when the crater is eruptive, spiling its contents over onto the surrounding surface. When we were there the lava was supposed to be about fifteen hundred feet below the surface. From Halemaumau we visited a cave, a bubble in the lava, into which we descended by a ladder, but the heat was so intense we were compelled to beat a hasty retreat and reached the surtace as covered with perspiration as though emerging from a Turkith Only a tew steps from this bubble Only to another cave, where the we came to another cave, where the heat over our heads was too intense to per mit us to stand erect at its entrance. near by and collectng a few specimens. we re-mounted our horses and reached the summilt of the wall just as the sun was eending his last illuminating rays over the summits of Mauna Kea and

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