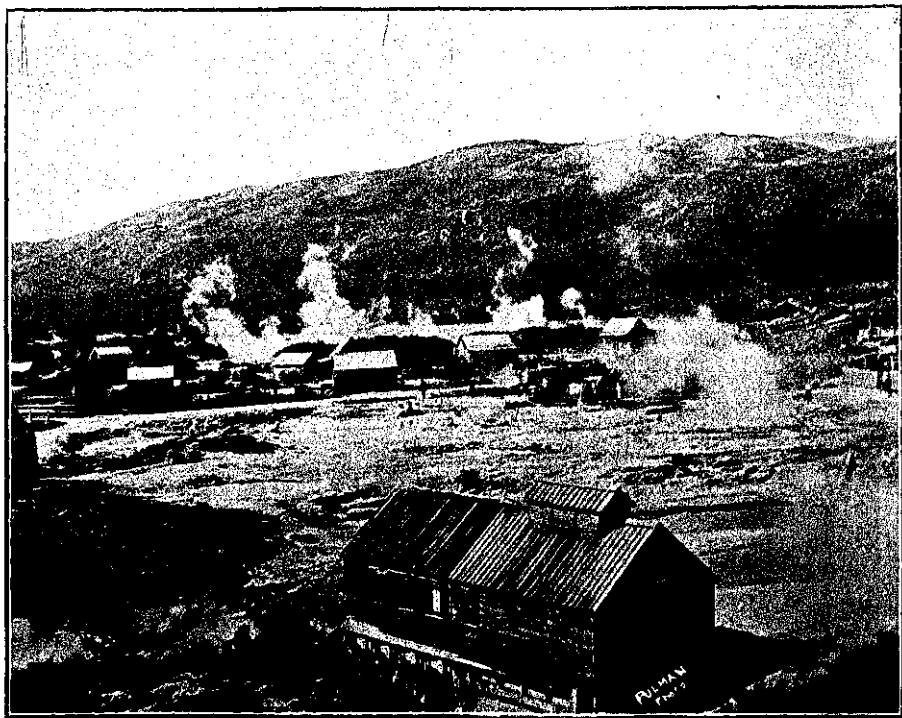


previous discomfort. It is a sort of Baby American cañon, about twenty feet wide, a roaring torrent of ice cold water, which may be explored by walking on stepping stones, and wading for a distance of three miles through a veritable fairy land. The steep banks, rising to the height of about sixty feet on either side of the stream, are covered with bush, and carpeted with ferns and mosses of the most delicate tints, amongst which I noticed several specimen of the kidney fern. When we entered the valley, although a hot summer day, it was like an ice house, and the water was too cold to drink without first placing it in the sun.

A stroll through Ohinemutu, the native settlement of Rotorua, is most interesting. The Maoris never need to light a fire for cooking; they simply place a wooden box inside a natural steam hole (scores of which there are), put in their meat, fish, bread or

steam holes to fetch their various delicacies. Here will hobble along an old crone bent almost double, her face marred and wrinkled with age and *tattoo* marks, a silver-mounted pipe in her mouth, bare legs and feet, a gay-coloured petticoat, and perhaps a man's coat, and on her head (if she had a yellow petticoat) she would either have a red or green kerchief. Then would come along a fresh-looking wahine, her lips shewing blue in contrast to the brown skin, for Maori women have their lips stained that colour on their marriage. This wahine will be most likely dressed *à la European* with her shirt blouse and skirt, but she will be sure to complete her costume with some gay-coloured scarf. It is not at all unusual to see a green skirt, pink blouse, and red belt, and though to us love of colours seems peculiar, yet one cannot but allow that it adds to the character of this easy-going race. When one has visited this district



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cakes, then cover with a sack and leave it until cooked. At meal times they may be seen wending their way to their favourite

one does not wonder at the "come day, go day, send Saturday night" sort of a style that is so noticeable in these people.