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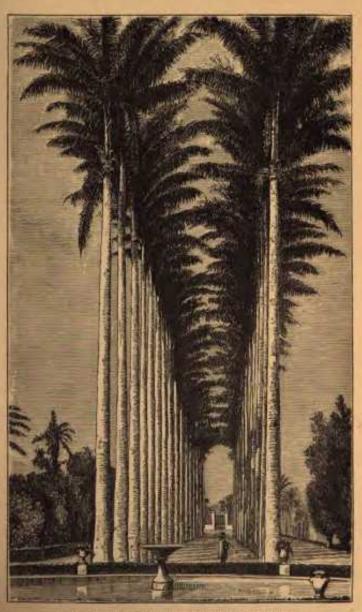
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EUTERPE MONTANA.

Lend thy pure melodious voice, Send me visions to entrance me Wherein all men may rejoice.

Show me now, 'mid tropic wonders,
'Neath a vault translucent clear,
All the beauties of creation:

Muse of Poetry appear!

Gracious rose that Queen of music,
Wrapped her drapery round her feet,
Raised her arms, the flute upholding,
(Curvèd sheath for blossom meet.)

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Then from every budding finger

Spread a Palm-branch gracefully,

In majestic crown of foliage

Waving ever fitfully.

Soon the column of her figure,

As a slender pillar shaft,

Shot a hundred feet above me

Where the cooler breezes waft,

Then I knew the true Euterpe,

Named Montana from her haunts

Mid the lofty wooded ranges

Where the Mountain Whistler chaunts.

He, ventriloquist of nature,
Organ-toned, with stop celeste,
Ringing down the aisles of beauty
Sprinkled chords from secret nest;

Clad in vesture duli and sober,

At his throat a crimson spot,

E'er deceiving those who seek him,

Led by sound where he is not.

Near him, quivering with feeling, Shook the *Trembleur* on a spray, Overcome by the expression Of his brother's mystic lay.

At my right there glowed a Flame-tree,

Laden with its scarlet bloom,.

Rising from its lace-like foliage

Like a raging fire in gloom.

Humming-birds were darting wildly, Seizing on the airy life, To the emerald-crowned darlings A delight, where food was rife.

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Then a garnet-throated fairy

Spread its wings in flower cup,

Revelling in dew and honey

Where Wild-plantain yields a sup.

Jewels still were hovering round me; Topaz, Sapphire, Ruby bright Glittered like a web of rainbow, Rent in pieces by its flight.

At my feet a rushing torrent

Leaped from precipice to glade;

With one mighty span of crystal

Fell the foam-wreathed blue cascade.

Then it crept 'neath dusky archways, Where the clumps of rich Bamboo Intertwine fond arms of beauty, Bidding no light enter through.

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