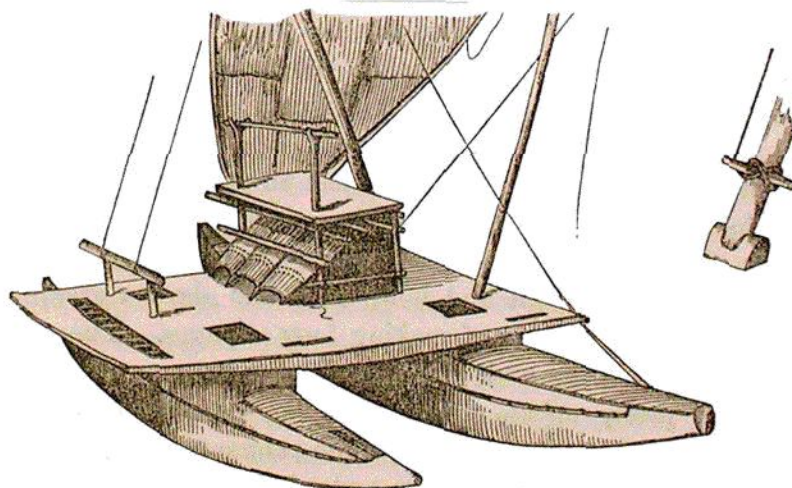


and place the pots on. The same kind of fire-place is to be found in the *mbures*, where a fire is kept burning night and day, which they believe the *kalou* or spirit requires. The houses generally are not divided by partitions, but at each end they are raised about a foot above the centre floor. These elevations are for sleeping, and are covered with layers of mats until they are soft and pleasant to lie on. In sleeping they use a pillow made of a piece of bamboo or other species of wood, about two inches in diameter, with four legs; this is placed immediately under the neck, and is sufficiently high to protect their large head of hair from being disarranged.

From the constant use of this pillow, a scirrhus lump, as large as a goose-egg, is often formed on the nape of the neck. This pillow was undoubtedly brought into use to protect their peculiar fashion of wearing their hair; and from the inquiries made, I found it had been used from time immemorial. Many of these pillows are carved and ornamented, and a chief always travels with his own. The *kai-si* or common people make themselves temporary ones.

The Feejee canoes are superior to those of the other islands. They are generally built double, and those of the largest size are as much as one hundred feet in length. The two parts of which the double canoe is composed are of different sizes, and are united by beams, on which a platform is laid. The platform is about fifteen feet wide,



FEEJEE CANOE.

and extends two or three feet beyond the sides. The smaller of the two canoes serves as an out-rigger to the other. The bottom of each of the canoes is of a single plank; the sides are fitted to them by dovetailing, and closely united by lashings passed through flanges left on each of the pieces. The joints are closed by the gum of the bread-