PEARL LOCHS USEFUL AS A NAVAL BASE.

The Pearl Harbor lochs, upon the shores of which the United States government has recently acquired some seven hundred acres for the purposes of establishing a naval base and harbor, comprise a natural harbor and harbor of elliptical shape, eight miles by four in area, connected with the sea by a deep river. They are situated at a road distance of eight miles from the city of Honolulu, and are from one to the other via harbor bar and harbor locks.

Of their utility for naval purposes, Captain U. S. E. White, chief engineer of the present naval station at Honolulu, says: "Nature seems to have had the loch thus placed where it is to be praised, when forming it. It is the plan to remove the coral reefs and to excavate the harbor bar and extend the harbor mouth for the purpose of establishing a naval base.

"The harbor is large enough to accommodate three or four large battleships, and there is enough water in the loch to accommodate a large fleet. The harbor is deep enough to accommodate any vessel that may be needed for the navy. The harbor is large enough to accommodate any vessel that may be needed for the navy."