

Spanish or Portuguese waters, "cavalão." The texture of the fish is rather coarse, but the flavor is good; it is allied to the tunny of the Mediterranean.

Next day the rocks were alive with surveyors and observers of all kinds, and blue-jackets fishing and scrambling, and otherwise stretching their legs and enjoying a firm foundation under their feet. The attention of the naturalists was chiefly directed to the southern rock, which is considerably the larger. Both the tern and the booby breed here. The booby lays a single egg on the bare rock. There were a number of eggs and young birds seen; but, as with the tern, the principal breeding-season was past. In the morning both the booby and the noddy were quite tame, but toward afternoon even these few hours' contact with humanity had rendered them more wary, and it was now no longer possible to knock them down with sticks or stones. We had even some little difficulty in getting a specimen or two of the *Sula* for preservation, as we had unwisely left this to the last.

While some of the party were exploring the rock, we tried once more a plan of dredging which we had adopted with some success anchored on a bank at Bermudas. We sent a boat off with the dredge to a distance of a quarter of a mile or so from the ship—the boat taking the dredge-line from the coil in the ship—let down the dredge there, and wound the dredge-rope slowly on board with the donkey-engine, thus dragging the dredge for a certain distance over the bottom. Life did not seem very abundant, but a handsome *Cidaris*, a species of *Antedon*, some crustaceans of ordinary shallow-water types, and some fine *Gorgoniae* were brought up. On going over the collections from the rock, we found them to consist of a minute moth, two very small dipterous insects, a tick parasitical on the birds, a species of *Chelifer*, and three spiders. All these species had been observed previously by Mr. Darwin, with the exception of the *Chelifer*, and, in addition, a wood-louse and a beetle,