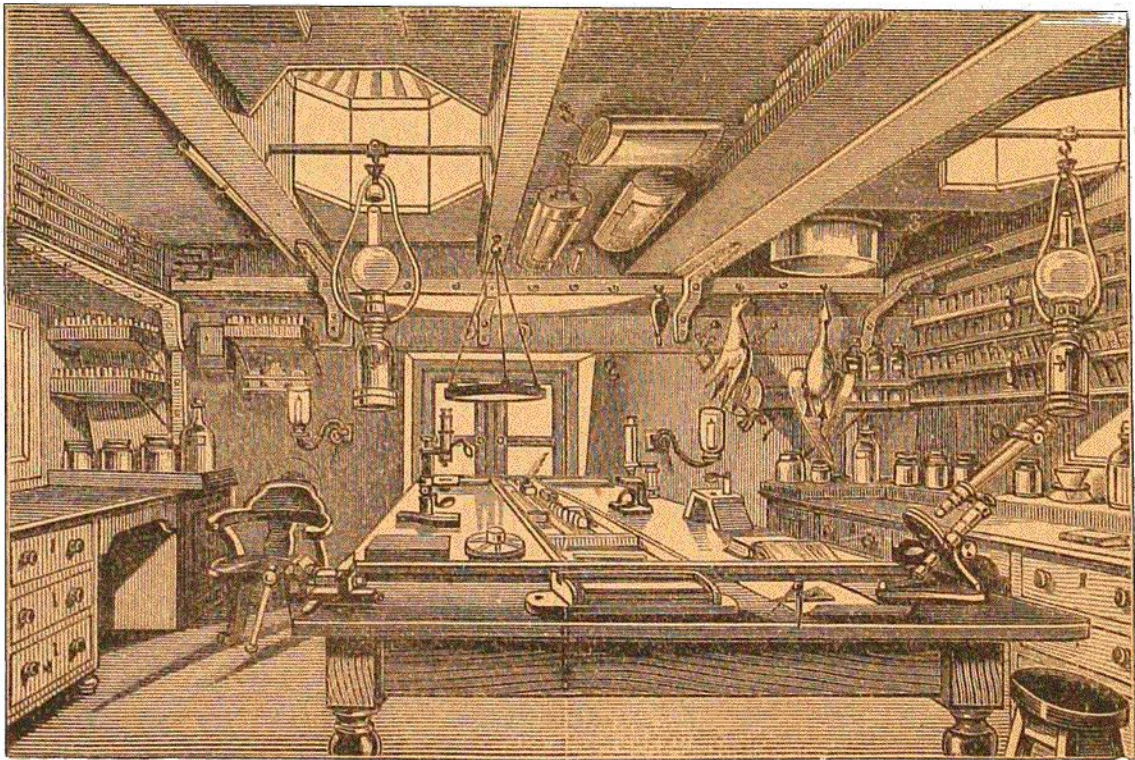


Secondly, but not less in importance to the duties of the scientific staff, were those of the naval surveying officers, at the head of whom was Captain G. S. Nares, distinguished as a surveyor for years past. For the use of the officers under his direction there was, opposite the naturalists' department, a spacious chart-room, for the purpose of laying down surveys and con-



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structing diagrams and sections of the ocean's bed over which the vessel travelled on her voyage round the world.

The direction of this great expedition was given into hands thoroughly well qualified for the responsibilities imposed upon them.

The naval officers were selected, for some special