

ing our stay two at least of these, a blue-and-white kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*), and the well-known "rice bird" (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*); several other birds, including a species of *Gallinula* and one or two of the smaller passerines, all common American species, alighted on the ship while we were cruising in this neighborhood. Only one reptile is known, a lizard common in Carolina; and a small fish allied to the mullet occurs, not in great abundance, in the brackish-water marshes.

During our two visits Mr. Moseley collected the plants vigorously, and, by a kind arrangement of General Lefroy's, he spent a few days at the camp of the Engineers in Painter's Vale, in the middle of the best botanical district. He dried about a hundred and fifty species of flowering plants, which were sent to Kew, and Dr. Hooker, in returning the rough list, expresses his surprise at finding the flora to possess so tropical a character.

It is pleasant to ride of an evening along the green roads in Bermudas. Things are so much alike all over the world, the exigencies of cultivation and traffic requiring everywhere the same palings, or hedge-rows, or low walls, and nature everywhere encumbering and ameliorating the road-sides with green weeds, with blue or white or red or yellow flowers, that one might almost fancy one's self among the green lanes of the middle counties of England. The exotic character of the vegetation of Bermudas is not obtrusive. The universal cedar might be a yew or a dark-foliaged pine, and only here and there a graceful group of tall palmettos rises over a mangrove swamp. *Chamærops palmetto* is the only indigenous palm; the cabbage palm (*Oreodoxa oleracea*), the date palm (*Phoenix dactylifera*), the cocoa-nut (*Cocos nucifera*), and the grugru palm (*Astrocaryum cureum*), have been introduced, and grow well; but they do not ripen their fruit. The bananas round the cottages look tropical, and so do the stars of scarlet bracts of *Poinsettia* and the stars of crimson flowers of *Erythrina*; but the far more general tamarisks and oleanders are familiar. An exotic cast is