

Among the land shells *Nanina citrina*, Linn., was collected, which has not been previously recorded from these islands.¹

Mr. Darwin in his Journal² refers to *Epeira clavipes*, as said by Sloane to make webs so strong as to catch birds. At Little Ki Island von Willemoes Suhm actually found a strong and healthy "Glossy or Metallic Starling" (*Calornis metallica*) caught fast in a yellow spider's web, made by a large *Nephila*, and he took the bird out alive and brought it on board the ship to be preserved.

A few fowls, eggs, pumpkins, and plantains were procured, but the supply was limited. There were several large patches of cleared ground under cultivation, and boat-building was being carried on briskly, for here the boats are built with which the pearl fishers at the Arro Islands pursue their occupation.

The natives appeared to be very jealous of their women, for not one was seen by any of the exploring parties.

The tidal observations showed that it is high water at full and change at 1 hour 26 minutes, and that spring tides rise 7 feet.

KI ISLANDS TO THE BANDA ISLANDS.

On the 26th September, at 6.30 A.M., the vessel left Ki Doulan for the Banda Islands, passing out to the westward, where the Malay people said a passage existed, and making a running survey of the channel. The ship was steered south of Pulo Doulan Laut, and between it and the islands of Oboor and Oot, and then between the northwest point of Pulo Letman and the Gadang Islands. Deep water was found from the anchorage to the northeast end of Pulo Oboor, when depths of from 7 to 10 fathoms were obtained, whilst rounding the north point of that island at a distance of three cables. When the west point of Oboor bore south, the water again deepened, and no bottom was obtained at 25 fathoms, although the ship was passing between coral reefs nearly dry. Off the southwest extremity of the shore reef, from Pulo Doulan Laut, the soundings were 21 to 28 fathoms, and a little farther westward 9 to 12 fathoms over what appeared to be a ledge joining the northwest extremity of Pulo Letman with Pulo Doulan Laut. Farther on the water again deepened until the depth was 90 fathoms between the Gadang Islands and Pulo Letman, from whence a S.W. by W. course was steered for a group of islands marked on the chart, "Tionfolokker, P.D." At 3.30 P.M. a running survey of the Tionfolokker Islands was completed, and the ship stopped and trawled in 129 to 140 fathoms, and then steamed to the westward until 8 P.M., when sail was made for the night.

The two trawlings, taken in 129 to 140 fathoms (Station 192), off the southwest

¹ E. A. Smith, *Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond.*, p. 259, 1884.

² *Journal of Researches during the Voyage of H.M.S. "Beagle,"* p. 36, ed. 1879.