The insoluble residue consisted apparently of amorphous silica.

The part soluble in hydrochloric acid seemed to be a mixture of—

Phosphate of lime (Ca ₃ 2PO ₄),			60.0 per cent.	of t	he who	le substance,
Carbonate of lime (CaCO ₈),	*		9.4	"	*	"
Fluoride of calcium (CaF ₂),		**	1.4	1)		**
Binoxide of manganese (MnO2),			1.6	,,		n
Ferric oxide (Fe ₂ O ₃), .		•	4.8	"		10

and minor constituents.

Ratio of equivalents of phosphoric acid, carbonic acid, and fluorine-

 $(\frac{1}{3}P_2O_5)$ (CO₂) (F₂) 1 : 0.162 : 0.037

In the recent whale's bone (No. 8) we found :-

1 : 0.162 : nil.

No. 5. Portion of a Whale's Bone much impregnated with Manganese.

Station 286; 2335 fathoms, South Pacific.

The outer portions of this specimen were perfectly black; most of the inner portion also was black, but a small portion in the centre had remained untinged with manganese. This comparatively uncoloured central portion was removed, prepared for analysis, and used for the following determinations:—

							P.	P. <u>E.</u>
Moisture,			300				2.87	
Phosphoric acid (P2O5),	*					*	29.13	1.231
Fluorine (F ₂), .						•	1.44	0.076
Lime (CaO),				8.			36.05	1.287
Parts insoluble in hydroch	loric a	cid,					2.91	

Ratio of equivalents of phosphoric acid and fluorine-

1 : 0.062.

There was an appreciable quantity of manganese present, and also a trace of cobalt.

The outer manganiferous portion of this specimen was completely analysed, with the following results:—