

CHAPTER IV.

BAHIA.

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Bahia, Brazil, September 14th to 25th, 1873.—The ship approached Bahia, under steam and sail, on September 14th. It was all the morning almost a dead calm, and at noon the stock of coal came to an end, with the exception of a few bushels which had to be reserved for steaming to anchorage amongst the shipping in the harbour. The ship crept slowly towards shore in the afternoon, under sail, at the rate of about a mile an hour.

As the shore was approached, swarms of a butterfly, a *Heliconia* (*H. narcea*), filled the air, and settling on the ship, alighted everywhere and penetrated even into the ward-room. With these a few beetles, flies, and a Hymenopterous insect came on board, whilst a land bird settled in the rigging.

The anchor was dropped in the harbour at about half-a-mile from shore. The city of Bahia or San Salvador lies on the north side of a wide and extensive bay, the Bahia de todos os Santos, or Bay of All Saints. On the north side of the bay is a slightly elevated ridge, stretching east and west, on which the town is built, and under the lee of which is the anchorage for shipping.

The town resembles Lisbon in the general appearance of its buildings. These are mostly whitewashed, with very numerous windows. They rise one above another on the hill-side, with a large number of convents and churches interspersed amongst the houses. All the churches have two towers at the west