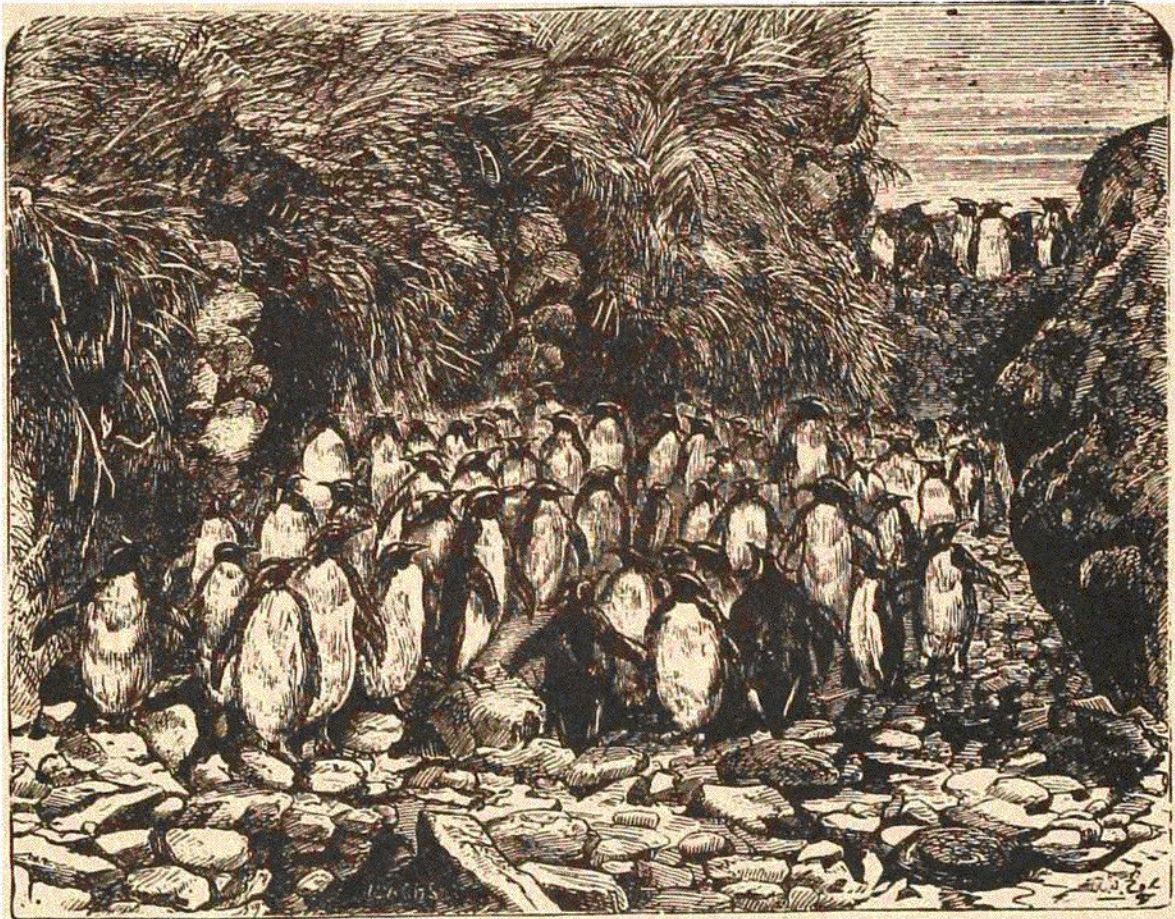


there struggled and jumped up amongst the boulders and revealed themselves as wet and dripping penguins, for such they were.

Much as I had read about the habits of penguins, I never could have believed that the creatures I saw thus progressing through the water were birds, unless I had seen them to my astonishment thus make on shore. I had subsequently much opportunity of watching their habits.

We landed on the beach; it was bounded along its whole stretch at this point by a dense growth of tussock. The



GROUP OF "ROCK HOPPERS." AT INACCESSIBLE ISLAND.

(From a photograph.)

tussock (*Spartina arundinacea*), is a stout coarse reed-like grass: it grows in large clumps, which have at their base large masses of hard woody matter, formed of the bases of old stems and roots.

In penguin rookeries, the grass covers wide tracts with a dense growth like that of a field of standing corn, but denser and higher, the grass reaching high over one's head.

The Falkland Island "tussock" (*Dactylis cæspitosa*), is of a different genus, but it seems to have a similar habit. Here