

CHAPTER XIX.

JAPAN. THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

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Japan, April 11th to June 16th, 1875.—The Admiralty Islands were left behind on March 10th, and a most tedious voyage, of a month's duration, to Japan ensued. The vastness of the expanse of water in the Pacific Ocean in proportion to the area of the dry land, was pressed most strongly upon our attention. Though the course north lay across a tract, which on the map appears so crowded with islands that it seems impossible at first sight that a straight route through them can be marked out without encountering one of them, the ship nevertheless arrived at Japan without any land having been sighted during the whole voyage from the Admiralty Islands.

A fact often brought home to me before, during the "Challenger's" cruise, was tediously forced on our notice on this voyage to Japan, namely, that the inmates of a sailing ship on a long voyage, suffer far more from too little than from too much wind. We were constantly becalmed, and our steam power being only auxiliary, and coal being short, we had to lie still and wait, or creep along occasionally only at the rate of a mile an hour.

When the ship was about 400 miles distant from the