

COLLECTIONS
FROM TOW-NETS.

submitted to a microscopic examination by the naturalists. Notes concerning these collections were always entered in the journals stating the general character of the fauna and flora, along with particulars about rare or unusual occurrences. Many hundreds of microscopic preparations of these pelagic organisms were mounted in various preserving mediums. The reports of Professor Haeckel and Mr Brady concerning the pelagic Radiolaria and Foraminifera were largely based upon the microscopic preparations thus mounted during the voyage by Mr Murray. Samples of these tow-net gatherings were also preserved in spirit, but no systematic attempt was made to form complete collections of pelagic organisms representing each region of the ocean visited by the Expedition. To have preserved all the collections from the surface waters would have been beyond the resources at our command. Even those collections of pelagic organisms that were brought home were so large that they have not yet all been carefully examined by specialists.

When we remember all the varied researches in which the Expedition was engaged, the wonder is that so much was accomplished, rather than that some fields of investigation were only partially explored.



THE STEAM-PINNACE FITTED FOR DREDGING IN SHALLOW-WATER.