

These waters are also the paradise of the sea urchin (*Echinus*) and the great black "Sea Cucumber." (*Holothuria*.)

Crabs are abundant and of several kinds, but attain no size. I failed to find trace of Lobsters or Sea Crawfish. Along the shores, burrowing in the sand, and on the margins of fields near the shore there is a crab, that seems amphibious. It is a nuisance to the planter, as it burrows much like the mole.

In instructions to the "Governor of the Bermuda plantations," dated 1665, sharks were claimed and to be considered a royalty. Although an occasional shark is caught they are no longer numerous inshore, preferring to have their habitat along the outer boundary reefs.

An occasional whale is to be seen off the coast, but is now a rare visitant. Formerly whales were abundant and one of the earliest industries of Bermuda was the whale fishery. In a work published in London in 1613 by one Sylvanus Jourdan, being an account of the "Bermudas now called Sommer's Islands," he says, "there are plenty of whales which come so usually and ordinarily to the shore that we heard them oftentimes in the night abed and I have seen many of them near the shore in the daytime." Only two or three years ago a large whale was captured off the south shore, and was an object of interest for days, the "whale beef" being in great demand. The old trying out furnace and melting house, rudely constructed on a height of land adjoining one of the bays in Warwick parish is still in existence, and could be made use of again if required. In the early instructions to the Governor of the colony, allusion is made to the revenue to be derived from the whale fishery, and from the collection of Ambergris and Spermaceti, but what revenues were ever obtained therefrom do not appear in subsequent records. In a sequel to Jourdan's first report, he says "there are whales in great store from February until June. * * * * *

The *Octopus* finds a safe retreat in the crevices of the coral, and attains a large size. I saw a specimen whose tentacles were nearly three feet in length, washed up in a storm,