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THE BEETLES OF AN OREGON BEACH.

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If one looks through the annals of Entomology, he will find the sea coast of Oregon rarely mentioned. If now he will turn to a map, he will see the reason, for the railroads seem to have avoided the district to a remarkable extent, so that it is not to be reached with the same ease as corresponding regions in the other Pacific States. In fact, there are only two ports on the entire Oregon coast that are connected with the great north and south trunk line—namely Astoria, at the south of the Columbia, which has rail connections with Portland, and Yaquina, on a bay of the same name, about 100 miles farther south, reached from Corvallis or Albany by a line through the intervening mountains.

While Yaquina Bay is not of much importance to the world at large, it has nevertheless quite an extended reputation in Oregon, on account of the fine beach at Newport, a small village which owes its prosperity to attractions as a summer resort. The ride from Albany takes several hours, though the distance to be travelled is but about a hundred miles. However, the trip is a pleasant one, the hill scenery being pretty, if not exactly grand. Unfortunately, much of the original coniferous forest has been burnt off along the line, though there is enough left to show that the growth must have been a heavy one. Live oaks are a prominent feature of the flora, and in places form considerable groves.

At the head of the bay lies Toledo, too far from the beach to answer as headquarters for one intending to collect, for the shores in the immediate vicinity are extremely muddy and uninviting.