

Editorial Corner.

From a book lately reprinted from the century—"The Cruise of the 'Alice May'—"we learn that Arichat, Cape Breton, has a breed of dogs peculiar to itself. The Author says "They are like Newfoundland dogs, large, black and shaggy, but some fate has robbed them of their tails, leaving only a shortish stump." The *American Naturalist* expresses the wish that the number of generations it has been in existence should be ascertained. This is a chance for the naturalists of Cape Breton, and we hope to hear from them.

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Dr. R. W. Shufeldt of the U. S. Army sends to the *New York Medical Journal* an illustrated description of a curious case that came under his observation, that of a double uvula in a young man. Each one of the pair was as large as the single one usually is, and seemed to be capable of contraction, independent of its mate.

Prof. Huxley is about to retire from his duties in the South Kensington Museum. He is afflicted with nervous prostration brought on by over-work. Should the rest which he is about to take not be followed by an improved state of health, he will retire from the presidency of the Royal Society on November next.

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