

possible that these birds carry them to considerable heights, and dropping them descend to feed upon their contents.

To a naturalist the bay at Dutch Harbour is a fascinating spot. Mollusks are rich, as to numbers, in both species and specimens. In places exposed to the beating waves were found in plenty the beautiful striped Chiton known as *Tonicella lineatus*, Wood; and a species of *Anomia* with thin perlaceous valves of such pleasing deep lustrous green, that it might vie with many a tropical shell. Upon the stones, high and dry, awaiting the return of the tide, are innumerable gastropods called *Littorina sitkhana*, Philippi. They are of a dull but often variegated colour, and have a wide distribution. I saw them in plenty at Vancouver Island, and specimens collected in Siberia are in my possession.* The shell of this species is thin, and the edge easily broken, and therefore in this respect is unlike the thick shell of the Scotch "Buckie" or British Periwinkle (*Littorina littorea*, L.) Numerous specimens of *Purpura lima*, Martyn; and various Limpets (*Acmaea*) were found in the pools.

At another spot, some miles down the shore from the village of Unalaska, I found a neat little specimen of the genus *Natica*, with a close shutting calcareous operculum.

One evening two of the seamen went fishing, and I accompanied them. We rowed over the bay in full view of the islands until we were several miles away from the schooner. We caught a number of cod-fish, halibut, skulpins, and rock-cod.

Near by on one of the mountains were some Bald-headed Eagles, and as one of them had settled on a crag, high over head, we resolved to climb the cliff, in order to get a better view of this really magnificent bird. We arduously toiled our way to the top, clutching moment by moment the firm vegetation, but were well repaid with the excellent view we obtained of the eagle when parallel with it. It was a fine sight to see the large bird up there, and it repeatedly opened its great beak in a threatening manner. The Bald-headed Eagle (*Haliaetus leucocephalus*, Linn.) belongs to the Falcon family of rapacious birds.

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