

Strait with its burden of icebergs, is hemmed in, as it were, by the warm current, and the icy masses melting, deposit their cargoes of rocks, pebbles, and sand, on the submarine banks which have long been known to exist in that position, and are annually rising towards the surface owing to these accumulations; and will, no doubt, many years to come, appear above the ocean, and form sandy islets like that of Sable Island off the coast of Nova Scotia. When on the eastern edge of the Gulf Stream, the vessel will meet with large floating masses of the gulf weed before alluded to, which have been brought by the current from the south, or been blown from its great collecting ground to the north-east, an area well-known to navigators from the earliest times as "The Sargasso Sea," and through which Columbus steered with his terror-stricken crew on his memorable voyage which resulted in the discovery of the new world. It is to these floating masses of gulf weed that the northern shores of America owe the presence of isolated examples of tropic fishes taken generally during the later months of summer. During that period the ocean surface is rarely disturbed by violent storms, and the gulf weed floats along in immense fields, propelled both by the swift, warm current and southerly winds, to a far more northerly point than usual; indeed, instances are known, one very recently, where turtle have been captured while floating on the water within one hundred miles of Halifax. The denizens of this favorable cover thus