

conducting him to his prey, from which it derives its name.

The flying-fish is a curiosity, being furnished with the means of occupying air and water, yet finding no friend in either; pursued by the dolphin and some other fish, it swims with all speed until wearied, and then takes to flight in the air, where the albatross and the tropic bird hover over to make it their prey. In their flight they often fall upon the decks of ships, where man shows them no mercy.

On the 19th of April we passed the equator. For a few days we had calms, or only light winds with showers. The heat was very intense, and calms under these circumstances are more to be dreaded than gales. But we soon found ourselves in north latitude, where it was interesting to see the north star once more, though only just above the horizon. We entered and passed the gulf stream on the 14th of May, in 36 degrees 37 minutes north latitude; and, though a rough sea is generally expected here, we had a very pleasant time. The current runs at the rate of three miles an hour, and the temperature seven degrees warmer than the adjacent water.

On the 17th of May, at three in the afternoon, we

were cheered with the cry from the mast head, "Land, ho! ahead." It proved to be Block Island. We came in sight of the lighthouse in the evening, but too late to attempt to get into New London before morning, and therefore lay off for the night. In the morning we found ourselves among various shipping bound to different ports. Passed Montauk Point and drew near to New London, where the sight of the city, the shipping in the harbour, the country around, and the islands dressed in green, conspired to excite pleasing admiration, and especially to one so long conversant with heathen countries or a wide expanse of ocean. Passed up the Thames to the city, and landed joyfully once more upon Christian and civilised shores, my native land, "where my best friends and kindred dwell." In taking leave of the Phoenix, I felt it due to the captain and crew to say, that I had received from them every kind attention I could wish; and being a temperance ship, I did not hear a profane word from any while on board. I found kind friends in New London; from whence, after arranging my business, I directed my way to Ithaca, where I arrived on the 23d of May, after an absence of more than two years and two months, and having journeyed 28,000 miles.

END OF PARKER'S JOURNEY.

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