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The 19th they pursued the same route, having sime weather; at noon they were in 17°. 30'S, and reckoned themselves 350 leagues from the coast of Peru.

The 20th they were in 17°. S, and had a very great swell from the fouth, the wind ESE as before, the course WNW*. They found the variation half a point, or about 6°. W. They saw many birds, and amongst others one kind about the size of a sea-gull, very white, having the bill and head red, the tail forked and about two seet and a half long; they are found in all parts of the world. They saw also some white thornbacks, and many slying-sish.

The 21st, the same wind continuing, they saw a fish a fathom and a half in length, with a long beak in figure of a sword, as long as the rest of the body, having on its back very large fins. Some of the people called it horn-fish.

The 24th, having a fine S E wind, they went due W in lat. of 15°. 16, being 460 leagues from the coast of Peru; looking out eagerly for the *fouthern land*, but almost despairing and fearing there was no such land †.

31st, very fine weather, they saw no land, but plenty of birds: it appeared strange to them that the island St. PAUL had not been described, for it is described in that lat. 15°. 75 S.

1st April they were in 15°.8 S.

3d, being Easter day, a month fince leaving Juan Fernan-Des, they reckoned the distance from the coast of Peru 725 leagues: they found the needle had no variation but pointed due N. and S. The scurvy afflicted most of the crew. The lat. was 14°. 12' S‡.

The 9th they had a fine wind at N and steered W being in full 15°. S. lat. This day they saw two small bonetos and sea-

* W - C.

‡ 16°. 12′ S. C.

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⁺ Schouten fays, although the winds blew fresh from E and ESE they had a prodigious swell from the S.