

securing as many novelties as possible, new rarities being continually added to the collection, so that the interest of the public is not allowed to flag.

The Aquarium itself is an unpretending structure situated at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-Fifth street.

For several months the main object of interest to unscientific visitors to the Aquarium was what was called "The Whale" which occupied the large central tank. This whale was really a Beluga dolphin or white whale. It was captured in Canadian waters and con-



THE AQUARIUM.

The interior, however, is arranged with great skill, so as to make the most of the space occupied, and convenient rooms are arranged to furnish the fullest accommodation for students and for the meetings of various scientific societies. A fine scientific library and a naturalist's laboratory have been opened for the use of students, and Mr. W. C. Coup, the manager, to whose private enterprise the city is indebted for this attraction, has been careful to make arrangements by which public schools, orphan asylums and other institutions may enjoy the benefit of the education afforded by a visit to this establishment.

veyed to New York at great expense. This prize was obtained by driving a line of piles across the entrance of a deep bay terminating in a narrow river. The wall thus formed extended for two miles, and at high tide it was sufficiently submerged to allow the whales to enter the trap it formed. The agent of the Aquarium spent weary months of waiting, but at length a school of Delphinidae arrived off the shore and entered the bay driven before the fishing fleet; the fall of the tide left them prisoners, and three were secured. They were put in boxes lined with sea-weed and hurried forward by special boats and trains. Only one,