

sent several colonists. The American province has also sent here representative species; for there is a Galapageian species of *Monoceros*, a genus only found on the west coast of America; and there are Galapageian species of *Fissurella* and *Cancellaria*, genera common on the west coast, but not found (as I am informed by Mr. Cuming) in the central islands of the Pacific. On the other hand, there are Galapageian species of *Oniscia* and *Stylifer*, genera common to the West Indies and to the Chinese and Indian Seas, but not found either on the west coast of America or in the central Pacific. I may here add that, after the comparison by Messrs. Cuming and Hinds of about 2,000 shells from the eastern and western coasts of America, only one single shell was found in common; namely, the *Purpura patula*, which inhabits the West Indies, the coast of Panama, and the Galapagos. We have, therefore, in this quarter of the world, three great conchological sea-provinces, quite distinct, though surprisingly near each other, being separated by long north and south spaces either of land or of open sea.

I took great pains in collecting the insects, but, excepting *Tierra del Fuego*, I never saw in this respect so poor a country. Even in the upper and damp region I procured very few, excepting some minute *Diptera* and *Hymenoptera*, mostly of common mundane forms. As before remarked, the insects, for a tropical region, are of very small size and dull colors. Of beetles I collected twenty-five species (excluding a *Dermestes* and *Corynetes* imported, wherever a ship touches); of these, two belong to the *Harpalidæ*, two to the *Hydrophilidæ*, nine to three families of the *Heteromera*, and the remaining twelve to as many different families. This circumstance of insects (and I may add plants), where few in number, belonging to many different families, is, I believe, very general. Mr. Waterhouse, who has published<sup>1</sup> an account of the insects of this archipelago, and to whom I am indebted for the above details, informs me that

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<sup>1</sup> *Ann. and Mag. of Nat. Hist.*, vol. xvi. p. 19.