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Southern Travels. [CONTINUED.]

We must not forget to relate the fact that, while coming through the saw-grass, three fish, known in that region as "trout" jumped into our boat. The trout in appearance is exactly like the black bass of northern waters; the only point of difference being that the "trout" has to be cooked shortly after being caught, or it will spoil We ate none of these fish, because we were too long getting home.

At the haulover, we noticed a point putting out into the lake, about onehalf mile North-east, and around that some five or six articles floating, which looked like small reefs or islands. Asking our comrades what they were, we were informed that they were alligators, and that the cape was called Alligator Point. These reptiles must have been nearly 20 feet in length. Almost any time during the year, when the sun is shining, from half a dozen to a dozen large 'gators can be seen floating on the water off this point. It is almost impossible, however to get a shot at them, as they disappear whenever a boat comes within less than balf a mile of them. Here we learned that the alligator is always more sby in salt water than in fresh; and so much difference is there that it is considered quite a feat to kill one of them in salt water.

Between the "haulover" and Moore's is an island containing perhaps fifteen acres of land, covered with trees, where every season the curlews congregate in great numbers to build their nests and raise their young.

Early on the morning of the 23d, we arose, and started for Hammon's plantation, where we arrived in the course of an hour, and in a short time had a steaming breakfast set before us, to which full justice was done.

The inhabitants of the lands on the

east side of Lake Worth, when they commence life there, settle down very comfortably for a few years, in palmetto shautles, but with increased prosperity their taste becomes more cultivated, and their wants increase in proportion. Hence every settler attends to the ocean beach on his own land, and picks up lumber &c., which has drifted ashore. It is astonishing to notice the amount of lumber that comes up, especially after a "blow." It would seem that every vessel that passed, loaded with lumber, lost more or less of it on the voyage, and in a storm, it is that as it may, thousands of feet of boats out, we sailed up the Lokohatch were picked up on the beach and, afcannot be transported by boat, has to The only thing we saw in the shape of live stock, was chickens, and those owning them are as careful of them as some of our citizens are of their bonds. They are a treasure on earth.

On this day Hammon and Lenbart carried several back loads of lumber from the beach to his plantation, where through the brush between us and the he was erecting a board house about river, with a horn, to scare out the eighteen feet square. By this time we deer. He did his part of the business suppose the house is completed, and thoroughly, making hideous echoes, Hammon is enjoying bimself as only and scaring the birds, but the deer those who have the best residences in failed to respond. a large territory can.

tack, after which Mr. Lenhart devo- upon examination no fresh deer tracks, office, a distance of over half a mile.

money," and packed our traps.

On the merning of the 24th of Feb-The woods were so thick and tangled, and the cactus was so plenty and large, that it was almost impossible to get through. However, at the exenso of a few pricks and scratches from the cactus, we made it, and, in company with Lenhart started for Jupiter. Lenhart, who was a small man, (and who by the way had come to Florida some six or seven years before, nearly gone with consumption.) shouldered our valise which was heavy, and our haversack, which was ditto, and left us to take our gun and a canteen. Even with this difference in our favor. Lephar: walked away from us with as much case as if he few moments elapsed before Farrell were light.

After a long and tedious walk for me, but seemingly merely a succession of rests for Lenbart, we arrived at Jupiter Inlet about dark, and to increase our troubles Tain commenced coming down heavily. Through the mangroves and sizel hemp, we made our way to the point where the river and fulet join, and built a fire. By this time it was quite dark, and we both yelled with all our strength to make the sons of Jupiter send us aid. Hearing no response, we fired a couple of shots, and soon had the pleasure of hearing the sound of some one embarking on the other side. Soon the boat, containing Farrell, came over, and we got in. Lenhart, notwithstanding our entreaties that he should go over with us, and stay until morning, presisted in going back, through the rain to the place where we had left the boat. However, he was as tough as a pine knot, and had no fears of any ill effects to follow from his exposure. We bid him good bye, regretfully, and went across to the lighthouse, when a warm welcome, as well as a warm supper, awaited us.

A good night's sleep, and a change of underclothing made us feel bright. and in the morning, Capt. Armour supposed that a good many vessels un- proposed a deer hunt. All were load part of their cargo for safety. Be agreeable, and getting a couple of lumber are cast on the beach about ie. Capt. Armour had a beautiful lit-Lake Worth annually. This is picked the sail boat, and it was the internal up by the inhabitants, as is everything desire of all the party to go in Arelse that may be useful. This is call. mour's boat, but a young gentleman ed "beach-combing," and is practiced named Chapman, from Lake Worth, by the just and unjust. We know of and ourself, suppressed our eagerness, two boats at present on the lake, that and took passage with Mr. Moore, the assistant lightkeeper, in a boat ter some repairs used by the finders, named "Dolly Varden" which was A boat in that region is the settler's shaped more like a tub than any other horse and wagon. Everything that boat we ever clapped eyes upon. We counted upon being left, especially as be carried by hand, hence, all are ex- Capt. Armour had a little the start pert sailors. No such thing as a horse of us in getting under way. But beor cow has ever been seen in that sec- hold, when we came to the place where tion, and it will probably be some the deer were to be slaughtered, we years before there are any taken there. landed about the same time. We were somewhat astonished, but attributed the result to indifference on the part of Capt. Armour.

Arrived at a cape about three miles up the river, we disembarked, and were deployed across the cape, like skirmishers, while Capt. Armour went

Jupiter, we would do so, as we could loud, to think of that old shell beating heart was light, our spirits gay. Arthen reach home at least two weeks Capt. Armour's beautiful boat. Ar rived at the office, Mr. Chapman resooner than we could otherwise do, mour's boat soon landed, and on being caived a number of letters and papers We consulted with our host, who was rallied, offered to bet on his boat, but but there was "nothing there for Mr. positive they had not left, but did not found no takers. When we got up to Dunn." In all our travels, and in all wish us to hurry. We concluded, the house the Captain's wife came out our experience we were never so bithowever that two weeks time was an to get some venison to cook for dinner, terly disappointed. What could be object, as some one has said "Time is "and mourned because she found it the matter? Where were our letters? not.'

ruary, we started up the lake in the rell proposed a fish. So he, Chapman returned to the boat, and wrapping big boat, and were soon some three and ourself got some lines and went our blanket around us gloomily setmiles above the Inlet. Here we un- out to the inlet. The first thing was tled down for the night. londed and, after a lunch, started to get bait. After much digging and through the woods are the beach. poking around among the sand, we found a lot of fiddler's crabs, which is the only bait used here except mullets. The fiddler's crab is a queer looking specimen, of which there seems to be nothing but legs, pincers and eyes. The latter are very prominent and very bright, sticking out like beads. When discovered, they make off for their boles in the sand, at a speed that is astonishing; the strange part of it is, they run sideways. When cornered they stop and put up their claws, ready for fight, and are really a fierce-looking little creature.

> With a dozen or two of these "insects" we commenced to fish. But a pulled out a fish called the "blue cat," which resembles our catfish, save that its skin has a bluish cast. This fish is not considered fit for food. We caught several of these chaps, but could not get any other fish. Finally our bait gave out, and we cut up a catfish, and put a large piece on our hook. Presently something took the bait, and we observed our line going out moderately, and pulled in. For an instant there was considerable resistance, but whatever had hold let go, and we pulled up our bait; observed that it had been violently tampered with. Threw in again, with the same result, and repeated several times. Finally we gave the animal more time, and this time came nearly getting it ashore; but about ten feet out our hook straightened, and we lost our "catch," also our temper. We supposed we had lost a big fish; but upon explaining the circumstances to Capt. Acmour, he told us that we had hooked a green turtle, which would have been more valuable than a fish of the same weight. We concluded we would take stronger hooks when we next visited that place.

On the morning of the 26th, all things being ready, we started for Saud Point, with a fair wind. Chapwe were sorry to part with them, having found them very pleasant and gentlemanly fellows.

I will remark right here, that Mr. Moore went to Florida, about five years ago, expecting to die of conany man could wish to be, and has no trouble whatever with his lungs.

not far north of this bay, we observed the buildings for a "life-saving station" had been commenced since we went down. At these stations are a number of good seamen, placed by the government, with life-boats and apparatus to afford aid to vessels needing it, and to rescue passengers and scamen, should any vessels be wrecked off their territory.

Nothing of any moment occurred until we reached St. Lucie P. O., Embarked again, Armour getting about 9 o'clock in the evening.

They had certanly been written. Dinner, smoke and rest. Then Far- Bowed down with disappointment, we

In the course of an hour after leavthe reason that we could not find the entrance to Indian River narrows. Farrell was ahead, on the look-out; to a point where we imagined there might be an entrance, then pole out. Finally we saw a place that must be the channel, and stood for it. Within a few rods of shore Farrell sung out it looked so, as we could not in any direction see any way to get out of what now looked like a small lake, shoot one, but failed. Nevertheless Farrell heard a good deal about "land ahead all 'round." before we reached Sand Point.

We sailed around here the rest of the night, and just before daybreak heard somebody singing. Hailing the voice, we took that direction, and found a man named Pierce, from Lake Worth. Day breaking, we took breakfast with him, and with a good breeze started on. Our breeze, however died almost completely out short- passengers were only our hack load, ly and a rain came up. This was very dampening on the spirits, as Mr. Pierce had assured us that the wind would change before that day was out. However we crawled along, and the wind freshening, we reached Sand Point at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 27th. Chapman and Farrell made a bed in the boat, and Paget and ourself took our way to Mr. Parvey's, where we had good beds and a good sleep.

We must not neglect to relate that the night we were hunting for Indian River Inlet, we caught a terrible cold. settled on our lungs. We were somewhat alarmed, fearing that some one was a rather tougher article than a first class northern cold.

The 27th, being Sunday, we took a him prisoner, and made him beg pit- they were somewhat shy. sumption. He is now as hardy as cously for his life. This circumstance the Mississippi." The old chap is o'clock p. m. Here we went up to Through Jupiter narrows we pulled now prostrated by what he is pleased the store, and laid in a supply of toeasily, having Chapman, a good oars- to call "rheumatic gout." The inhab- bacco, thence to the Brock House man to help us out. At the head of itants thereabouts abreviate this, and (terms \$4 per day) and indulged in a the narrows we stopped at "Indian call it "rot gut." He's a bad egg. glass of soda water, which had been Camp," and cooked some dinner. Soon The place amounts to nothing at preswe struck St. Lucie Bay, and sailed out, and if ever that section does im- ing, as it was the first cool drink we along briskly. On the ocean beach, prove, Sand Point, instead of Titus- had come across since we left this ville will be the place.

On Tuesday, the 29th, accompanied in the steamer "Pioneer," the only tia, a little town some ten miles up Aurantia.

The day was ended up by a dose of the start of us about a minute, we Here Chapman and ourself, taking the map of the place, which is circu- ring the Centennial, we would rather bear most, venison, hominy and hard sailed for another point, but, finding Paget's boat, rowed over to the post- lated by the speculators who own the have the receipts than a fifty barrel ted his time to making a cane for us started on again. Now for a race. We had now been from home about phin was a small village compared can ever be made to pay, is a question of a stick of the Royal Palm, which Both captains did their level best, and a month, and had received no letters, with it. There is nothing in particu- we are not prepared to answer. he happened to have in his possession, the result was that we reached the Now we were to know how matters lar to recommend this place, the FRIT CARPETINGS, 35 cts. per yard.

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mile out, and wel were taken about half way ashore in a small boot, where we met the hack which was to take us to Lake Harney, and sagmed ant

The trip from Aurantia to Lake Harney was performed with the identical mule team that had taken us from Enterprise to Sand Point, but with a different driver. This drive was only sixteen miles, we were a light load, and this trip was not so tedious as it might have been. A few miles out of Aurantia we discovered a flock of quails alongside the road. ing St. Lucie, we came to a stop for In the twinkling of an eye our shot gous were charged, being breech-loaders, and two quails bit the dust. Shortly afterward we saw the pigeon of Paget at the gudder. We would sail Florida, which is rather smaller than our wild pigeon here. During the ride we managed to shoot three of these, and these with our quails, "on toast," that evening were splendid grub. We also saw a flock of "whoop-"land shead, all 'round," and indeed ing" cranes, a large bird, the flesh of which is said to be equal to that of turkey, and Belden endeavored to

> We arrived at the landing at about 4 o'clock p. m., and immediately boarded the steamer "Volusia," Captain Lund. This is a light draft boat, calculated for navigating the Upper St. Johns. The accommodations were not equal to those of the "Sedgwick," the boat we came up on, but did very well. The amount of freight, consisting mostly of oranges, was much lar-

> ger than we had anticipated, but the and one Dr. Gillespie, of whom more hereafter. This landing, at the southern end of

Lake Harney not being touch frequented by steamboats and travelers, abounds with alligators. During the rest of the evening until dark, we had lots of sport tickling up the 'gators with buck shot, a charge of which would cause them to switch their tails like cows in fly time, and disappear with such a vim that the water would foam like soda water.

As soon after dark as we could recorcile ourself to the idea, we went to which, centrary to its usual custom, bed, but were disturbed during most of the night by the boat being stuck on various bars, and the emphatic had lost his consumption down there language of the Captain and mate, and we had picked it up. This cold who endeavored to put more energy stuck to us for over a month. It into the negroes who were trying, rather lazily, to shove her off. It was daylight before we got off, and we found ourselves in Lake Jessup, which is a man was added to our former crew, rest, and ate oranges. On the 28th sort of side issue, not being directly and was a valuable addition. Capt. went down to the landing, and in on the St. Johns, consequently out of Armour and Mr. Moore going shead company with Paget and Chapman, the way of the regular route. Our in the "Dolly Varen" and piloting us sailed down to Titusville, about two vessel went up in the lake for the acover the oyster beds, and past couch miles below. This place is the resi- commodation of one of our passenbar. Here they took leave of us, and dence of Col. Titus, by reputation a gers, Mr. Herbert, and to land and recowardly old bully who figured con- ceive freight. On this lake were two spicuously among the border ruffians towns, or rather places for towns, a of Kunsas, and who while there offered store, a couple of residences and a a reward for the head of Walker. landing comprising each. On this Walker surrounded his house took lake we saw several alligators, but

> Nothing extraordinary occurred unis told in Richardson's book "Beyond til we arrived at Enterprise, about 2 cooled on ice. This was very refreshpoint on our way down.

> On board again we go across the by three gentlemen named Webster, lake (Monroe) about five miles to a Herbert, and Belden, we took passage place called Mellonville. This is a nice, clean little town, and ships thousteamboat on Indian River, for Auran | sands of barrels of oranges annually.

> Our next stop was at Sanford, on the river. The friends of our Indian the west side of the lake, and here is River voyage bid us good-bys and nothing to speak of except a terribly God speed, and we steamed away for large hotel, called the Sanford House. If that house were moved to Philadel-Aurantia is at present about the phia, and would furnish good accomosize of Newmanville, but to look at dations to the public for \$2 a day duland, one would think that Philadel- oil well. Whether or not this house

Leaving the lake and steering into The wind having been from the light-house four or five minutes before were progressing at home; now we ground being low and sandy, and post the narrow channel of the St. John's