up troo deck hands who had beon lot
overboard there froue the "Hattio Barker," also a bundlo of hides with In the morning we found ourselves In Lake Gearge, a most beautiful aheet of water, and the largest lake on the
Bt. Johns. Picked up two passengers at Orange Springs, one of whom was a northern man named Bridger, who had been there to bury his brother
who had settled there about a year before. The other, a planter, brought on board a pair of beautiful red birds, Which bis son disived him to sell. The pilot bought them for a quarter,
they were a poor inveetment at they were a poor investment
as thy escaped the same night. At Welaka, out friend Webstor got
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sorry to part with him, as he was an intelligent
We arrived at Palatke about three oclock in the afteruoon. Saw hero park containing five deer, natives
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enten. Here we took on a couple Ponnsylvanians whom we had met at Sand Point, whom we drupped agn at Tacol. at anchor on account of wind, and a lack of wood.
In the morning, Mar. 3d, we landed
and took on wood and venison, and ahortly arrived at Green Cove Springs. The boat stopping some time here, accompanied by Belden, we went up into the very pretty litlle town to see the spring. We found it to be quiten and some ten feet deep. The rocks at the bottom were covered with a light green sabstance, and the water boils
up through them sufficiently to form a stream six feet wide by three deep. We tasted the water; found it warm,
and tasted strongly of sulphur. We thought of Sodom and Gomurrab, and the lake of brimstone.
At Maudarin, 12 miles from Jack Beceher Stow was pointed out to us She has a beautifal place to live, and undoubtedly takes comfort.
Between here and Jacksonville we
were entertained by Dr. Gillespie whose residence, he claimed, was in N. Y. City. He had been a very pleasant companion up to this time,
but, unsolicited by us, told us a string of the wors "cock and bull" storic we ever heard. He had whipped Point, and had bis size, at Sund water. He had protected unsophistirescued captives from Mexican ban ditti on the Rio Grand. He had scared lin, and had killed a man, and wound a woman in San Antonio. His
meat was human flesh, bis driuk fresh gore, and his favorite mode of travel. ing was on a blood-vessel. Oh! he
was a terrible man! The only thing Was a terrible man! The only thing
we feared, as he concluded, was that some one would give him a chance to doubtedlo have cringed like a whingel cur. He was tolerably safe, howerer as he was almost gone with tion, and a person would almost as soon pic
invalid.
Arrived in Jacksonville just early enough to miss the train for Savannah ora steamers. Found we could no get a boat before the next Thursday nearly a week, Concluded to go home Mr. S. H. Hooker, formerly of Rouse ville, now in the furniture business in Jacknanville. Herson, and is doing gente businees. We also called upou Thos. Wilson, formerly of Hartatown, CrawPeona. Reserves, during the war. I company with a gentleman who
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