

runs back far into the last century, the names given to the plates of Parra being still current. A few names, not given by Professor Poey, may be noticed. The "Scamp" (*Epinephelus falcatus*) is here "Bacalao" instead of "Abadejo," both words meaning codfish. The Sheepshead, not mentioned in Cuban lists, although certainly sometimes sent from here to the Havana market, is "Sargo Raiado." The Red Snapper here, as with the Spanish fishermen on the Texas coast, is "Pargo Colorado." The name, "Sailor's Choice," is one having a singular variety of meanings. Northward along our coast it is sometimes applied to the fish here known as Bream (*Diplodus rhomboides*). At Jacksonville, Fla., the Sailor's Choice is *Pomadasys chrysopterus*, known at Key West as "Whiting," while at Cedar Key the choice of the sailor falls on *Diplodus holbrookii*. In Key West the Sailor's Choice is a kind of Grunt (*Hæmulon parræ*).

KEY WEST, FLA., December 20, 1883.

36.—FOOD QUALITIES OF TARPUM (MEGALOPS).

By C. J. KENWORTHY.

[From a letter to Prof. S. F. Baird.]

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of your directing the attention of fishermen and fish dealers to the edible qualities of the Tarpum. As a food-fish it is excelled by but few; and as it exists in great numbers it should be utilized.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 25, 1883.

37.—OCCURRENCE OF MULLET IN FRESH WATER.

By WALTER HOXIE.

[From a letter to Prof. S. F. Baird.]

I was hunting on Edding's Island a few days since, and found Mullet in large quantities in a fresh-water pond. This pond was flooded with salt water about three years ago, and the Mullet must have been there ever since; but now it is perfectly fresh, and does not taste in the least brackish. I have never seen this fish living in fresh water before, so I communicate the fact to you, thinking it may be of interest. If they will breed in fresh-water ponds they would, it seems to me, be a valuable fish for stocking purposes.

FROGMORE, BEAUFORT COUNTY, S. C.,

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