

nows, &c.; terrapins, ducks, and other sea-birds followed. The water has the appearance of being very slimy.

INCIDENT RELATED BY MR. HENDRICKS, POSTMASTER AT PALMETTO.

Mr. Dolly threw a cast-net into a school of mullet which appeared active and healthy. Before he landed them they were all dead in his net; and looking back, the whole school was floating dead on the surface.

THE GENERIC NAMES AMITRA AND THYRIS REPLACED.

By G. BROWN GOODE.

I am told by my friend Professor Jordan that the names *Amitra* and *Thyris*, recently proposed by me for two new genera of fishes, are pre-occupied in zoology. I wish to substitute for the former the name *Monomitra*; for the latter the name *Delothyris*. *Monomitra liparina* will consequently be the name for the *Liparis*-like fish noted in the Proceedings (vol. iii, 1880, p. 478), and *Delothyris pellucidus* for the transparent flounder, noticed in the same volume, p. 344. I wish also to express my thanks to Professor Jordan for his act of courtesy.

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SHELL BEDS IN WESTCHESTER, N. Y.

By MERRITT WILLIS.

Along Pelham Bay bordering on Long Island Sound, in the county of Westchester, State of New York, there are numerous shell beds. On the northwest side of the bay they are from 25 to 30 feet apart—true Kitchen Middens. They line the east side of the bay for some distance. There is one covering two or three acres, from which I have collected arrow-points, spear-points, arrow-scraper, pestles, stone axes, knives, sharpening-stones, pipes, stone ornaments, &c. I also have taken from the shell beds several bones cut off at the joint for some purpose. I think they are the leg bones of deer.

I have collected in the town of Westchester alone some 900 arrow and spear heads, besides axes, balls, pestles, and numerous other implements.

Yours, respectfully,

MERRITT WILLIS.