

MURRAY'S HOME AND COLONIAL LIBRARY. — Nos. XXII.  
XXIII. DARWIN'S JOURNAL OF A VOYAGE ROUND  
THE WORLD. Parts I. II. London: John Murray.

WE have been exceedingly delighted with this Journal. Most heartily do we, in the name of the readers of the "Home and Colonial Library" in this part of the country, thank the enterprising publisher for this timely and important publication. It must not be the last of its kind that finds a place in this very valuable series. If people knew what a mass of valuable and interesting information is here to be got for a crown, purchasers would be much more numerous than they are. Mr Darwin is a true naturalist—combining great intelligence with unabating enthusiasm. He was appointed naturalist to the surveying expedition by H.M. ship Beagle in the close of 1831. These two parts contain large extracts from his journal descriptive of Brazil, La Plata, Patagonia, Teirra del Fuego, Chili, &c. &c. He is most particular in describing the natural history of these parts. The geology of the Pampas, and the Cordillera, is also most interestingly described. A brief account is given of the great earthquake that happened a little before the visit of the Beagle to Chiloe, also of a few of the principal mines. The style is so easy and pleasing that one cannot but read this Journal, if at all susceptible of pleasure from the works of nature and her many beauties. We would earnestly urge upon the young to read such works as this.

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Darwin's Journal.

THIS is the third and concluding part of Darwin's fascinating Journal of a voyage round the world. In the present part he leaves South America and visits the South Sea Islands, Australia, &c. The description of these Islands and countries is not so full, but notwithstanding adds much to the interest one feels in these parts, and also to the knowledge one has of them. In reading the Journal we always feel that we have a safe guide, and a pleasant companion withal. We hope our readers will not fail to possess themselves of this Journal. Such a magnificent undertaking should be extensively patronised by the people for whose especial benefit it has been commenced.

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