

18. *Voyage of a Naturalist; comprising a Journal of Researches into the Natural History and Geology of the Countries visited during the Voyage of H. M. Ship Beagle round the World.* By CHARLES DARWIN, F. R. S., &c. 2 vols., 12mo. Harper & Brothers.

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