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DARWIN'S POCKET COMPASS.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE DAILY TELEGRAPH"

Sir—In a recent letter from old Australian friend, residing at Pambula, near Sydney (New South Wales), I received the following account of an historic, not to say highly interesting, relic belonging to the late Charles Darwin, viz., his pocket compass used during the voyage of her Majesty's ship Beagle. My friend found in the possession of one of the descendants of the Beagle expedition, living at Pambula, whose father had been Darwin's assistant in stuffing birds and preparing his other specimens The instrument is a combined compass and universal sun-dial. The latitude arc is divided to 2deg divisions only, and the hour circle to fifteen minutes, while the compass shows only the cardinal points.

The styles vertical to the hour circle, which is hinged for latitude adjustment. The instrument when not use folds into a rough wooden case, 3 1/4 in by 2 1/4 in, which shows signs of much wear. My friend presented the compost to the Linnean Society of Sidney and received their cordial thanks

Yours very truly,

ALFRED CORRIE, Fleet Surgeon.

Junior United Service Club, Oct. 19.

[Another article regarding the compass is included below.]

Charles Darwin's pocket compass. *The Register*, [Adelaide, South Australia], (3 June 1903), p. 4.

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An historic, not to say highly interesting relic was recently before the Sydney Linnean Society. It was Charles Darwin's pocket compass, used during the voyage of the Beagle, and was made a present to the institution by Mr. Syms Covington, of Pambula, to whom it had been forwarded by Mrs. Forde. The instrument is a combined compass and universal sundial. The latitude arc is divided to 2 deg. divisions only, and the hour circle to 13 minutes, while the compass shows only the cardinal points. The style is vertical to the hour circle, which is hinged for latitude adjustment. The instrument when not in use, folds into a rough wooden case, 3 1/4 in. x 2 3/4 in., which shows signs of much wear.