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INTRODUCTION.

BAHIA, BRAZIL, Dec. 29, 187~.

THE EDITOR OF "OUR YACHTERS' SERIES."

Dear Sir,— We would earnestly wish to avoid giving the impression that our "method of self-education," as you have been pleased to term it, consists merely of a series of yacht-cruises off and on. This would be an error. Both myself and the young gentlemen associated with me recognize, as rigidly as the most rigid of our university-professors, the necessity of a thorough drill and discipline of the mental powers. In proof of this, allow me to acquaint you somewhat with our last season's studies. Fully a third of the time from November till April was occupied in making calculations connected with an actual survey which we made of Massachusetts and Cape-Cod Bays. We even went so far as to get "regular

lessons" from Greenleaf's "Intellectual Arithmetic," and add up triple and quadruple columns of figures according to the "accountant's method:" this for mental drill.

I remember, too, that we used to multiply, *mentally*, long arrays of figures by 13, 17, and 19; as, for example, $978321635478396 \times 17$.

During this time we read "Heat, a Mode of Motion," and "Fragments of Science," by Tyn-dall; "The Descent of Man," and "Origin of Species," by Darwin; Prof. Huxley's "Lay Sermons;" and also the first four volumes of Bancroft's "History of the United States." These, besides *papers, magazines, &c.*

I call your attention to these studies, only to illustrate to you our "mode of self-education." In it the *yacht* figures but as a single feature. We have become "yachters" to avoid the tedious, vegetable life of a college.

We have thought your Introduction to the second volume * liable to mislead. Set us right before your readers in this particular, if possible.

Very truly and respectfully yours,

J. W. RAEDWAY.

[We know of no better way to make the correction than by printing this letter as an introduction to our third volume. — Ed.]

* "Left on Labrador."

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