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Combing the Southern Seas. By Sir Joseph Verco, M.D., F.R.C.S. Edited by Bernard C. Cotton, Conchologist, South Australian Museum, three coloured plates, twenty photographs, and 120 text figures. 174 plus 24 pages. Publishers, Rigby, Limited, 16 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, S.A., 1935. Price, 12s. 6d.

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This work represents extracts from the diaries kept by the late Sir Joseph Verco on his collecting and dredging trips during his annual Christmas holidays between the years 1890-1912 in South Australia and South-West Western Australia; as well as a copy of his Catalogue of Marine Mollusca of South Australia. Although referring in the main to marine life, a number of references to the avifauna met with are given, especially in Chapter VIII, dealing with the fauna of St. Francis Island, Nuyt's Archipelago, West Coast, S.A. Much interesting information is supplied with regard to the Mutton-Birds (*Puffinus*) and Penguins (*Eudyptula*), which frequent the island, and most of those particulars we hope to publish in the next issue of the "South Australian Ornithologist."

This delightful and instructive book can be highly recommended to all conchologists, ornithologists, and other natural history followers, and there are numerous "human touches" in the diaries that will appeal to the ordinary reader. The Editor is to be congratulated on the matter selected, as well as for his work in the coloured plates and text figures.
