

Trip to  
Hawaii &  
+ pelagic  
birds

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Dear Folks.

It was fine to hear of healthy progress at home and also of the latest outdoor fashions there, even if in the process of being shed - not that such new items are brand new at this time, but that this is the first opportunity to comment on some and enclose some news also.

Yes, the two combined elements or rather the most widespread forms of them.

$N + O_2$ ,  $O_2 + H_2O$  and below

$H_2O + NaCl$ , i.e.: sky, clouds

and salt water were about

all the way for some time  
 after leaving tena firma (wonderful  
 stuff). Time there were flying  
 fishes, beautiful creatures indeed.  
 The usual albatrosses following  
 behind us and an occasional  
 petrel. There are so many  
 kinds of petrels and <sup>so</sup> few  
 strikingly marked that one  
 gets discouraged trying to  
 identify them, especially  
 as they seldom come close.

There was, too, a lovely  
 muddy turnstone, far  
 of course I'm afraid.

Then along came a frigate  
 bird and presently a flock

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of what looked like gannets,  
 but which the good book  
 (Alexander "Birds of the Ocean")  
 proved, were red-footed boobies.  
 At and then this morning  
 many notes coming through  
 the screen. Evenly with their  
 originator seen, however, one  
 didn't know what to call  
 him, and the same applied  
 to several other strikingly  
 feathered individuals, each  
 more exotic looking than  
 the last. There was an  
 old friend too, a cardinal,  
 gone native. The best  
 vegetation apparently to  
 his liking.

The boys did do well

Richards, T.

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in the Philippines, didn't they,<sup>4</sup>  
and in three different places  
"at once!" Ships sunk certainly  
are more frequent than  
"sunk or damaged," I agree.

Maurice Walcott does write  
delightfully, doesn't he? Read  
"The Spanish Lady" recently  
and have "The Key Above  
The Door," which, however, I  
didn't dare start before  
"I live myself," neglected  
too long. The latter is not  
only a mighty good tale  
(so far), but ~~also~~ extremely  
interesting to one who must  
have his share of Torg  
ancestors. Love

T.R.