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out every spot. [[strikethrough]] Were it not for high [[\strikethrough]] He tells me that in [[red underlined]] cooler weather [[\red underlined]] the water is [[red underlined]] blue [[\red underlined]] and [[red underlined]] transparent [[\red underlined]] and this makes it easy to pick out the channel. Says this is [[red underline]] excellent sponging [[\red underlined]] ground and has some of the very best [[red underline]] conserved. [[red underline]] The obstand in some of the hest places has sponges. [[\red underlined]] The channel in some of the best places has barely [[red underlined]] 30", [[\red underlined]] this makes our wake sometimes very muddy. Several times we lightly struck bottom and once we were stranded but managed to get off again by reversing and backing.

Albert caught a [[red underlined]] large gray grouper [[\red underlined]] of about 10lbs on the trawling line, fish had probably been on since [[end page]]

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Spanish Channel. The wind is [[red underlined]] a gale [[\red underlined]] now but someway or another by all these numerous keys and shallows, [[strikethrough]] has lost so much [[\strikethrough]] the waves have little force. Towards sunset we are in sight of Key West and can see the [[red underlined]] wireless telegraph [[\red underlined]] poles in the distance but I decided to drop anchor in the shelter of [[red underline]] Channel Key [[\red underlined]] where a man from Key West keeps a [[red underlined]] Turtle Crawl [[\red underlined]] where he has erected an enclosure with posts in which he keeps [[red underlined]] turtles [[\red underlined]] from South America and from here so as to sell them to the market.

Albert prepared excellent dinner from Grouper, stack of potatoes, salad etc. [strikethrough]] While I [[/strikethrough]] The head of the fish was put on a [[red underlined]] shark [[\red underlined]]

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