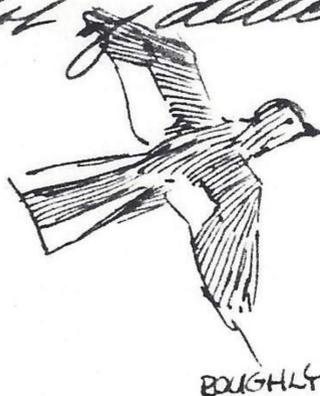


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 Though I kept up my hopes we never were
 lucky enough to see any whales or
 porpoises. I watched so hard and never
 saw even a likely looking splash. We had
 some beautiful 7x59 Bausch and Lomb
 glasses too and they were honey, indeed.

Well next thing I know we were coming
 in again and still a new place. There was
 Iceland dead ahead - mountains and all.
 The weather favoured us with fresh winds
 and nearly clear skies. Not very warm in
 that place either. And guess what I
 saw about first thing? Why keep eyes -
 a whole bunch of jaegers. After watching
 them fly and feed I'm pretty sure they
 were Parasitics but I sure could be wrong.
 There were a lot of gulls flying down by the
 water but that was out of bounds to us
 and I didn't have much chance with 'em.
 (Likely wouldn't have known a single one!)

There was also a small Finch which buzzed
 itself in the short fragrant heather (?) and
 the pitted volcanic rocks strewn everywhere.
 Because I didn't know any better I just
 called him a Rock Finch. He reminded me
 of the *Leucostictes* sort of - also very fly.
 Had an unusual flight pattern. Showed
 a lot of white trim in flight and a lot of delicate
 pink on the ground. They were in
 small flocks of about fifteen or so.
 Seemed to post a couple of guards -
 at least there were always a couple
 of them head up and watching me.
 I can't remember much of the call.
 Wow, is that awful!!



BOUGHTLY!

The Jaeger, which I think was parasitic,
 was very dark - showing hardly any white
 at the base of the primaries. The tail was
 (the two central feathers I mean) not the fat-
 looking twisted contraption of the Pomarine
 nor did it seem long enough for the Long-
 tailed Jaeger. However, I'm sure the feathers
 were at least four inches longer than the
 rest of the tail feathers. The birds themselves
 were about the size of a King-billed Gull.
 Rather surprised me to learn they are
 no larger. Even now though, they keep
 a certain powerful look in spite of the grace
 of their flight. They are really aerialists.
 Reminded me a little bit of swallows.