Chart affected.—No. 2268, Portland Harbour.

Authority.—King's Harbour Master, Portland.

No. 1672.—CHINA SEA—SINGAPORE MAIN STRAIT.

Alligator Island—Shoal Ridge South-westward of.

Position.—Raffles Lighthouse, bearing S. 72° E., distant $2\frac{6}{10}$ miles, and west extreme of Pulo Sablu, N. 10° E.; Raffles Lighthouse, lat. 1° 10′ N., long. 103° 44¾′ E.

Depth.—4¾ fathoms.

Remarks.—From the position given above, shoal heads, with depths of from 5 to 5½ fathoms, extend for a distance of 2½ cables in a N. 50° W. direction, and for 4½ cables in a S. 52° E. direction, respectively.

Variation.—1° E.

Charts affected.—No. 2404, Singapore Main Strait; No. 2403, Singapore Strait; No. 795, Cape Rachado to Singapore; No. 2757, Banka Strait to Singapore; No. 3543, Approaches to Singapore; No. 1355, Malacca Strait.

Publication.—China Sea Directory, Vol. 1, 1906, page 223.

Authority.—H.M.S. Waterwitch, Hyd. Note, No. 3 of 1910.

No. 1673.—UNITED STATES, ATLANTIC COAST—FLORIDA.

Florida Reefs—Information with Regard to Certain Beacons.

1. Beacons re-established:

(a) Western Sambo beacon, "R."

Position.—Lat. 24° 29′ N., long. 81° 42½′ W.

(b) Conch Reef beacon, "E."

Position.—Lat. 24° 57′ N., long. 80° 28′ W.

(c) Pickles Reef beacon, "F."

Position.—Lat. 24° 59½′ N., long. 80° 25′ W.

(d) Triumph Reef beacon, "O."

Position.—Lat. 25° 28½′ N., long. 80° 6¾′ W.

Remarks.—The descriptions of these beacons are as given in the Sailing Directions.

2. Beacons permanently replaced by buoys:

(a) Pelican Cay light-beacon, "P.K."

Position.—Lat. 24° 33′ 10″ N., long. 81° 37′ 20″ W., on chart No. 2881.

Description of buoy.—A can buoy, marked "P.K. 19."

(b) East Turtle Shoal beacon, "E.T."

Position.—Lat. 24° 43′ 28″ N., long. 80′ 56′ 8″ W., on chart No. 1098.

Description of buoy.—A can buoy, marked "E.T. 11."

(c) Hen and Chickens light-beacon, "H.C."

Position.—Lat. 24° 55′ 50″ N., long. 80° 32′ 56″ W.

Description of buoy.—A conical buoy, marked "H.C. 8."

3. Beacons temporarily replaced by buoys:

(a) East Triangles beacon:

Position.—Lat. 24° 30½′ N., long. 81° 48½′ W.

Description of buoy.—A conical buoy, marked "E.T. 4."

(b) Middle Ground light-beacon:

Position.—Lat. 24° 34½′ N., long. 81° 50′ W.

(c) Maryland Shoal beacon, "S."

Position.—Lat. 24° 30¾′ N., long. 81° 34′ W.

(d) East Washerwoman Shoal light-beacon, "E.W."

Position.—Lat. 24° 40′ N., long. 81° 4½′ W.

(e) Turtle Reef beacon, "K."

Position.—Lat. 25° 17′ N., long. 80° 12½′ W.

(f) Cape Florida Shoal light-beacon, "C.F."

Position.—Lat. 25° 38½′ N., long. 80° 8′ W.

(g) Florida Reefs, North End beacon, "W."

Position.—Lat. 25° 44¾′ N., long. 80° 6′ W.

Remarks.—The descriptions of the buoys marking the sites of beacons (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) are not stated.

Charts affected.—No. 2881, Key West Harbour and Approaches; No. 1098, Lower Matacumbe Cay to Grande Cay; No. 1097, Cay Biscayne to Lower Matacumbe Cay; No. 659, Florida Strait, North Part.

Publications.—List of Lights, Part VIII, 1910, Nos. 1525 (Remarks), 1520 (Remarks), 1530, 1523, 1518; West India Pilot, Vol. III, 1909, pages 471, 486, 488, 484, 485 (474, 475), (477, 476, 472, 473), 481, 483, 481, 487, 490; Notices to Mariners, Nos. 1861, 1862 of 1909, and 1035 of 1910.

Authority.—Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, 5th November, 1910.

No. 1674.—BRAZIL, EAST COAST.

Pernambuco Approach—Shoal Reported.

Position.—At a distance of 1½ miles, S. 53° E., from Pernambuco Lighthouse; lighthouse, lat. 8° 3½′ S., long. 34° 51½′ W.

Depth.—4 fathoms.

Variation.—17° W.

Charts affected.—No. 891, Pernambuco to Maceio; No. 890, Formosa to Pernambuco.

Publication.—South America Pilot, Part I, 1902, page 89.

Authority.—United States Hydrographic Office Notice, No. 2860 of 1910.

No. 1675.—ARGENTINA—RIO DE LA PLATA APPROACH.

Point Medano—Shoal Reported eastward of.

Position.—Lat. 36° 56′ S., long. 56° 22¾′ W., on Chart No. 2522.

Depth.—A sounding of 3¾ fathoms was obtained from the S.S. Mont Cervin in the approximate position given above.