“The turtle was very sluggish though capable of putting forth great strength, He would just squeeze into a flout barrel- & would not quite lie flat in it when his head & tail were drawn in- There was a triangular place on the bottom of his mouth- & an orifice within it through which apparently he breathed. The orifice opening & shutting. I hear of a man who ingured his back seriously for many years by carrying one some distance at arms length to prevent his biting him. They are frequently seen fighting & their shells heard striking together.”