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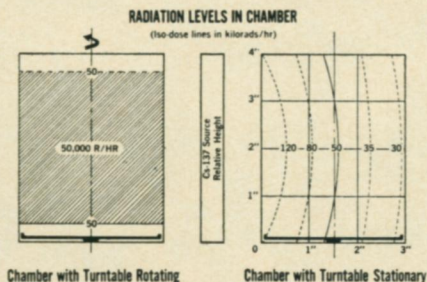
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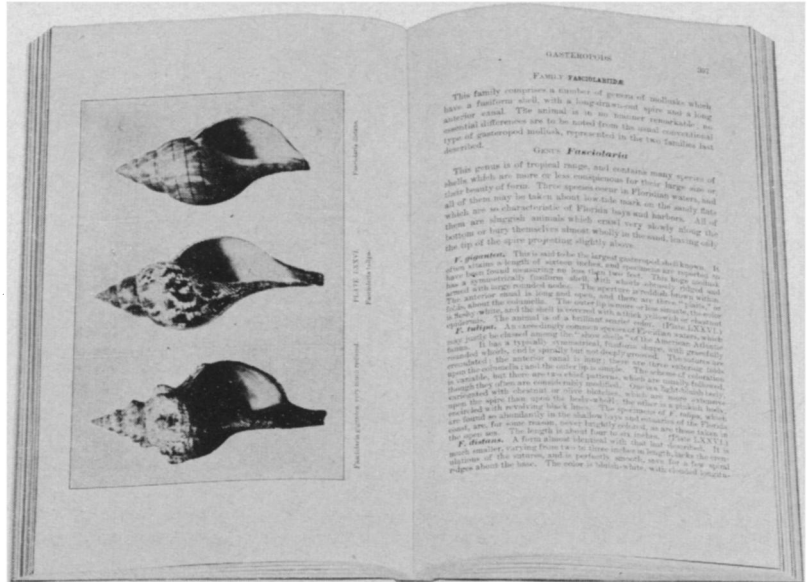
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The Sea-Beach at Ebb-Tide

Augusta Foote Arnold

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