

RAMAPO BANK

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The *Ramapo* on a recent trans-Pacific passage obtained a shallow echo-sounding of slightly over 40 fathoms to the Eastward of the Ogasawara Islands, where previous scanty soundings indicated a submerged plateau of some 3000 fathoms. In furtherance of advice from the Hydrographic Office, the *Ramapo* retraced her passage over the previously observed shoal sounding and developed the surrounding area by a number of echo soundings, finding a well-defined bank with a least depth over it of 41 fathoms rising rapidly from a bottom floor of 1000 fathoms in an average distance of four miles. The *Ramapo's* echo soundings and their geographical positions are indicated on the annexed sketch. The bank will be named Ramapo Bank and will become another aid to navigation in that part of the North Pacific Ocean.

