

structions, and at length completed the task, in her own way, by suspending the kettle over the flame of the lamp, and dropping pieces of solder obtained from the rim of a meat canister, which when melted she spread with a spike-nail over the joint. In the evening we were diverted by Koo-ecetsecarioc, who went through the whole ceremony of raising Tornga. My men put up a screen, behind which he went after some persuasion, and performed the whole of his part with great skill, particularly the diving scene, where he managed his voice so well that it really appeared to come some distance from under ground. It would seem from this that the art is not difficult, and that, from the ridicule with which they seemed to treat it, they were not imposed on. The old people alone seemed to pay respect to the Angetkoks, while the young ones invariably treated their mysteries with contempt.

"At half-past ten in the morning on the 13th, we quitted this station, which by the mean of five meridian altitudes is in lat. $69^{\circ} 42' 29''$, and by the mean of seven sets of observations for the chronometer, in long. $00^{\circ} 46' 22''$ E. of the ships' winter station. The ice was so full of cracks and holes that it was with difficulty the sledge could proceed, and it was only enabled to stand the heavy shocks it received by the looseness of its construction. Two large seals being seen on the ice, the sledges stopped while two of the Esquimaux went in pursuit of them. It was full two hours before they got close to one of them, which they effected by crawling feet foremost towards the animal; one man lying concealed behind the other who, by scraping on the ice with his spear, and moving his feet in imitation of a seal's flipper, deceived the animal until they got within six or seven yards of it. They then remained stationary some time as if to accustom the seal to them; when at length the nearest man, springing on his feet, darted his spear, which however striking a bone did not take effect. Notwithstanding the quickness of the movement, the animal was half down the hole before the spear