

It is however true that details of movement may in this case exceed the possibilities of observation in the Pacific. The hair seal clings to the coast line in all its wanderings; and when it occasionally leaves the coast, there are facilities for observing its presence, and that is all that is required. It appears to exhibit an anxiety to escape from the ice in the early period of its movements, and there are features in the order of its going, that appear to approach more closely to the migratory habits of birds than any other animal. The *pinnipedia* may and do exhibit an apparent laziness, in lying about the ice, and basking in the sun, but their power of motion is very great, and enables them to traverse long distances in search of a more extensive supply of food than Baffin's Bay and the West Coast of Greenland can provide; at a season when the bay, and all its sounds and feeders from the Arctic Ocean, are beginning to become frost bound, and possibly denuded to a certain extent of that fish life which is so necessary to the *pinnipedia*. The removal of a vast body of seals from these arctic waters between the months of October and June, appear to point in this direction; the food supply for whales and other forms of cetaceans is profuse; *medusae*, *clio borealis*, *pteropod mollusks*, gelatinous life in all its varied forms, is found in abundance in these waters; but it may be questioned if this form of life is sufficient for the seals. That they consume the various forms of *mollusks* is probable, and a small octopus abundant in Davis Strait, the bone of which is the only food found in the stomach of the cod caught off Cape Chidley, in the end of July or August, when it is emaciated to such a degree that the fishermen compare it to a lantern, or living skeleton;—