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the People for the Winter, and which they had left off sometime before; wearing their own Apparel, as also their *English* Shoes and Stockings; it being wet and stoppey ashore in the Paths they had made, and the Woods were so deep in Mire, that there was no going into them. The most serviceable wear at this Time is the Boots, which the *Eskimaux*, make for their own wear, but may be bought of them in the Streights.

From the twentieth to the twenty-fifth, the Weather was mostly close and cold, with some Snow and Sleet; upon the twenty-first, the Geese began to fly high going to the Northward. The twenty-fourth was the first Summers Day, being very delightful Weather, on which several Musketoos appeared, and a Number of Insects in the Air, and on the Ground.

By this Time the Herbs and young Grass began to appear; the Alder and Poplars were budded; and the Green of the Pine which had a brownish Cast, and was lifeless all the Winter, now looked fresh and pleasant. There appeared at this Time an infinite Number of Frogs, with a great croaking: These Creatures are froze up all the Winter in Holes and in Banks, or in the Earth: A remarkable Experiment which hath often been tried upon these Animals, is, to take the Earth in which the Frog is so froze, and to break that Earth in Pieces without thawing it, the Frog will then break with it as short as a Piece

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