

tobacco behind, as we could not carry them all over the ice. We also left all the clothing except what we had on, and a suit of under-clothing, which we packed and carried in a knapsack. We carried *five* tents with us, De Long's party having two, Melville's two, and Chipp's one. I may possibly have left my sealskin pantaloons on the ice where the *Jeannette* went down, but my impression is that they were left with other clothing, ship's implements, utensils, papers, etc., in the cache left by De Long on the Siberian coast. We had four tin boxes, in which De Long kept the ship's log and valuable papers, two of which were left in the cache and two carried away by De Long when Quartermaster Nindermann and I started south for help. We also left in the cache a small bear skin, the only bear skin in the possession of the party after leaving the *Jeannette*. The account says that a *cask* of miscellaneous ship provisions was found marked *Jeannette*. Now the fact is, we did take some bread *barrels* out, but after putting the bread in bags and loading it on our sleds we left the empty barrels behind on the ice."

A native Greenlander's language may be deficient in words capable of such nice distinctions as the exact difference between our English use of the words *cask* and *barrel*. A large barrel may frequently, for purposes of general description, be called a *cask*. Noros further says:—

"What puzzles me most is how these articles now reported found could have remained on the ice so long. My experience taught me that all small articles placed on the ice in the arctic regions always attracted the sun and gradually melted down through the ice until lost to sight. Why, in a very short time a chip would be buried its own thickness under the ice by this peculiar process, and if the things found really belonged to the *Jeannette* something strangely wonderful seems to have providentially kept them so long a time on the surface of the ice."

WHAT DE LONG'S DIARY EXPLAINS.

Some explanation of the above may possibly be found in Capt. De Long's carefully written and minutely accurate