

December is a String tied and passed to a Bait, the Bait (which is usually a Partridge) is set at about twenty Yards distance between two Pieces of Ice, the one set up on one Side the Bait, and the other on the other, so that whatever comes to take the Bait must come before or behind, and be directly in Front of the Gun; the taking of the Bait, pulls the String, and the Gun immediately discharges. They catch the Fox, Wolf, &c. sometimes in Steel Traps, covering the Traps with Snow, sticking a Bit of Firr, or a Piece of Bush in the Snow near to the Traps, as a Notice for Persons to avoid such Traps.

January, Between the first and eighth of *January*, clear Sun-shiney Weather, and with only two falls of Snow. The Cold very intense and a great Rime almost every Night. About two in the Morning of the eighth, there was an extraordinary loud Clap of Thunder heard by most of the Ships People, and also by the People at the Factory.

Between the eighth and tenth, there was such Weather, as had been the preceeding Days. From the tenth to the End of the Month, more frequent and harder Gales of Wind, than in all the Winter besides; and more Snow fell than fell all the Winter before; and that which did fall was fleaky Snow, such as we had not seen since *October*. Nevertheless they were some Days of pleasant Sun-shiney Weather, and the Cold at Times so moderate, as that a Person might go without