

their ships sufficiently disagreeable knocks. Happily on the eighteenth of July they reached land at latitude 80 north. The shores were covered with grass and foliage, and deer and other grass-eating animals were seen. They found also numerous eggs of the eider-goose. On account of the steep hills in this newly-discovered country, they bestowed upon it the name of Spitzbergen, *i.e.*, 'Peak Hills.'

During the rest of the month, however, they got no further, and on July 1st, they saw 'Bear Isle' again lying straight before them. Another dispute now arose between Captains Hemskerk and Ryp, and as each of the men remained obstinate in his own opinion, it was finally decided that the ships should go on independently of each other. Ryp steered his very badly forward, taking a course due north, but afterwards bearing west, in a direction where it had already been guessed a passage was to be found. Hemskerk, on the contrary, took the Caristien route, between Nova Zembla and the island of Waigatsch, a route which would undoubtedly have brought them by the Sea of Corea to China, had it not been for the ice which in many places blocked it up. But in this matter the captain and his brave but self-willed pilot had to find by experience that even with the best intentions one may miss the right way, and fail to do the right thing.