

to be in in their natural element ; these fowls are caught in a trap made of whalebone, and covered over with bear's-skin, the flesh side turned outward ; their skins were good bait for the fox traps.

The weather growing pretty warm in May, they were enabled to go out daily in search of provisions ; and to the latter end of the same month, they found a large quantity of birds eggs in the hills, thirty of which they brought home for their present occasion, intending to have fetched more the ensuing morning, but it was so cold, they were obliged to stay within, and deprived of their usual exercise, which was to climb the top of a neighbouring mountain, to see if the ice was broke in the Sound. This was now the case, and a great part of it was driven to sea by an easterly wind.

On the 25th of May, the sharpness of the weather preventing them from going abroad, they were shut up close in their tent, when two ships from Hull stood into the Sound ; and knowing that some men had been left there the preceding year, the master manned his boat, and sent her ashore to inquire about their fate. Here the first thing they found upon landing was the shallop, and were greatly astonished to find her in so good a condition, but could scarcely hope that their fellow sailors were alive : however, they advanced towards the tent, and cried Hey, as they approached ; nor were they a little surprized at being answered ; for one of the company, who happened to be in the inner tent, immediately returned their signal.

The sound of voices alarmed and gave new life to those that were within ; they started up with great alacrity, and opening the door rushed out at once in a body, making a most uncouth appearance, for they were all black with soot and smoke, and their cloaths hung in tatters : after their deliverers had given way a little to their amazement, they embraced these poor wretches with joyful hearts, and accompanied them to their dwelling, the contrivance of which was wonderful and pleasing ; and here, out

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