

none the slower for there being no regular telegraph or other means of communication. More than one poor fisherman who feared to start for so long a cruise, if he could not be near any help till he returned, put out for Labrador with an easy mind, while many a mother going down to the far-off fishing station, did so with a confidence she had never enjoyed before.

But now that the people began to know what it meant to be able to get to a doctor in the summer when they were in pain or sickness, those who stay in Labrador were anxious to get a place kept open in the winter, that they could go to for help. There were often cases where poor men died for want of knowledge what to do. Thus at one place on the coast, a man was hunting when his gun went off and shot him in the shoulder. A good friend stopped the bleeding by packing up the hole with a stocking; but a week later it began again, and the man lost his life, and left six children behind him. Then again, when another man shot himself in the elbow, all they could do was to tie it up with cold water. As a result he lost his right arm,—and what is a fisherman able to do without a right arm? Ever since, his family has lived from hand to mouth