

Jeannette"—also a partially used cheek book on the Bank of California, with a package of cancelled checks, signed by Captain DeLong—a pair of oilskin trousers marked "Louis Noros," and a bear skin, covering something of the size and shape of a human corpse, which the Greenlanders did not remove to ascertain what was under it, owing to a native superstition rendering those temporarily unclean who handle the dead bodies of human beings.

On another piece of floe near by, quite a quantity of sailor's clothing was found. These relics the Esquimaux took to the Governor of Julianshaab, who immediately started, taking one of their number as a guide, to find the ice-floe and the supposed body; but after long search he was compelled to return without success, it having floated off.

We ought to know all about these relics in a short time. There are four American vessels at the little village of Ivigtut at present, loading with eryolite from the mines near that place, and some of them will follow the *Fluorine* very soon.

Capt. Wilson says he believes that Governor Lytzen will send all the things found on the floe to Ivigtut, in order to get them to this country as soon as possible. He wrote to the superintendent of the eryolite mines to send them to the United States on the first vessel which leaves.

"JEANNETTE" RELICS ACTUALLY LEFT ON THE ICE.

On Friday, September 5th, 1879, the *Jeannette* entered the ice pack, and became fixed in the floe, drifting northwardly past Herald Island, until she reached about latitude $73^{\circ} 50'$ north, longitude 180° . Then the drift turned into a more northwesterly course, and kept on in that direction until at 4 A. M., Monday, June 13th, 1881, the vessel sunk in 38 fathoms of water in longitude $154^{\circ} 58' 45''$ E., latitude $77^{\circ} 14' 57''$ N.

The *Jeannette* drifted steadily westward up to the time she sank, and the ice-floe on which these relics were found may have been one of those upon which her party took refuge just before she sunk. It is but natural to suppose that the floe kept on drifting westward, just as the *Jeannette* had been