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rate resolution, but with great reluctance, saying, with some truth, as we afterwards experienced, and with more than they themselves were aware of, that whether the vessel filled or not was a matter of no consequence. This delay, though not exceeding a quarter of an hour, had increased the depth of water another foot; but the men adding to their exertions, being encouraged by the wine, which was issued to them every half hour, succeeded so far as to reduce the water in the space of two hours to less than three feet. The captain still remained in his cabin.

During the 2d and 3d of December the gale seemed to increase rather than diminish. The ice formed so thick on the ship's sides, as to impede her way very much through the water, which furnished us with a new labour, that of cutting it off, as fast as it formed, with saws and axes. The leak continued to gain ground. The schooner that was in company, far from being able to afford us any assist-

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