

little harbor jutting into the shore of Marble Island, and I will tell you the way in which the whalers prepare themselves for their stay in these vessels during the long Arctic winter. In the fall of the year, just before it gets so cold that the ice forms, they huddle their ships together as closely as possible, and each ship puts down two anchors, one at the bow and one at the stern, and these hold them from striking against the shore or one another until the ice forms around them and freezes them in solidly. Then the anchors and rudders are taken up, and, with lumber which they have brought from home, the whalers build a rude but substantial house over the ship. After that has been completed they get the Eskimo to build them a sort of snow-house or *igloo* over the wooden house again ; so, with all this covering to