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attention to our signs, and as to hearing us amidst their
own din, it was impossible. At length, as we expected,
a woman's boat was badly stove by a piece of ice cut-
ting one of the bottom skins. Silence immediately en-
sued, and it was pleasing to observe the attention which
was paid to the sufferers by all the men, who left off
trading, and assisted to haul the damaged boat on a
piece of ice for the purpose of repairing her, and even
those who could not be of any service remained be-
hind with the rest.

After a time, a fine lively boy, in a most elegant
white canoe, came paddling up to us, and keeping way
with the ship, endeavoured to insinuate himself into
our good graces, by talking and laughing incessantly.
He succeeded to his wish, and was enriched by pre-
sents of buttons, nails, beads, and pieces of old iron, all
of which he acknowledged by a peculiarly joyous cry,
at the same time cramming them into his mouth.
When this store-house was filled, he made as long a
speech as his riches would permit, and turning for the
shore, parted from us with the swiftness of an arrow.

On the 24th, to our infinite astonishment, we did
not see a single piece of ice, and in consequence beat
up to the N.W. without interruption, until the evening
of the 25th, when we were off the Upper Savage Is-
land. Parties here landed from each ship, and the re-
quisite observations being taken, we all set out on ex-
cursions to explore the island. It is high and rocky,
principally of a reddish granite, but producing also
shells and sandstone. Its length is about three miles,
and breadth two. Near where we landed were quanti-
ties of bones, which we conjectured to be those of the
walrus. Much frozen snow lay in the clefts of the
rocks, whence issued small streams of water. On the
top of the isle were many pools beautifully transpa-
rent, near one of which a grouse (*tetrao lagopus*), in
summer plumage, was killed. In the marshy ground,
near the water, the vegetation was extremely luxuriant.
Amidst the various mosses and grasses, the delicate
white flower of the andromeda, and brilliant yellow