

her hinder feet, striking to ranpe at vs, but while she reared herselfe vp, one of our men shot her into the belly, and with that she fell vpon her forefeet againe, and roaring as loud as she could, ran away. Then we tooke the dead beare, and ript her belly open; and taking out her guts, we set her vpon her fore feet, that so she might freeze as she stood, intending to carry her wt vs into Holland.

(On the 12th October they began to live in the house they had built.)

27 October.—That day our men kil'd a white fox,* which they flead: and after they had roasted it, ate thereof, which tasted like connies flesh. The same day . . . we hung up a lamp to burne in the night time, wherein we used the fat of the beare.

2 November.—One of our men killed a fox with a hatchet, which was flead, roasted, and eaten: before the sunne began to decline, wee saw no foxes, and then the beares vsed to go from vs.

(From the 4th November the sun was below the horizon.)

4 November.—Tooke a white fox.

8 November.—Tooke a white fox.

11 November.—We made a round thing of cable yarn, and like to a net, to catch foxes withall, that we might get them into the house, and it was made like a trap, which fell vpon the foxes as they came vnder it, and that day we caught one.

23 November.—As we perceived that the fox vsed to come oftener, and more than they were wont, to take them the better, we made certaine traps of thicke plancks, whereon we laid stones, and round about them placed peeces of shards fast in the ground, that they might not dig under them, and so got some of the foxes.

24 November.—Tooke foure foxes.

25 „ Tooke two foxes.

27 „ We made more springes to get foxes, for it stood vs vpon to doe it, because they served vs for meat, as if God had sent them purposely for vs, for we had not much meate.

29 November.—We found al our traps and springes cleane covered over with snow, which we made cleane, and set them vp again to take foxes: and that day we tooke one, which as then served vs not onely for meat, but of the skins we made caps to were vpon our heads.

30 November.—It was faire cleare weather, the wind west, and sixe of vs went to the ship, all wel provided of arms to see how it lay: and when we went vnder the fore decke, we tooke a foxe alive in the ship.

9 December.—Made our springes ready to take foxes.

10 December.—Tooke two foxes, which were good meate for vs, for as then our victuals began to be scant, and the cold still increased, wherunto their skins serued vs for a good defence.

13 December.—Tooke another fox.

15 December.—Tooke two foxes.

18 December.—Some of vs went out vnto the ship: . . . in the cabin . . . we found a fox, which we tooke.

20 December.—Tooke a fox.

21 December.—Cleansed our traps for the foxes, which did us great pleasure when we tooke them, for they seemed as dainty as uenison vnto vs.

25 December.—Being Christmas day, it was foule wether, with a north-west wind; and yet, though it was foule wether, we hard the foxes run ouer our house, wherewith some of our men said it was an ill signe; and while we sate disputing why it should be an ill signe, some of our men made answere, that it was an ill signe because we could not take them, to put them into the pot to rost them, for that had beene a very good signe for vs.

* Before the foxes made their appearance they had encountered numerous bears, some of which they killed, but did not use their flesh.—P.