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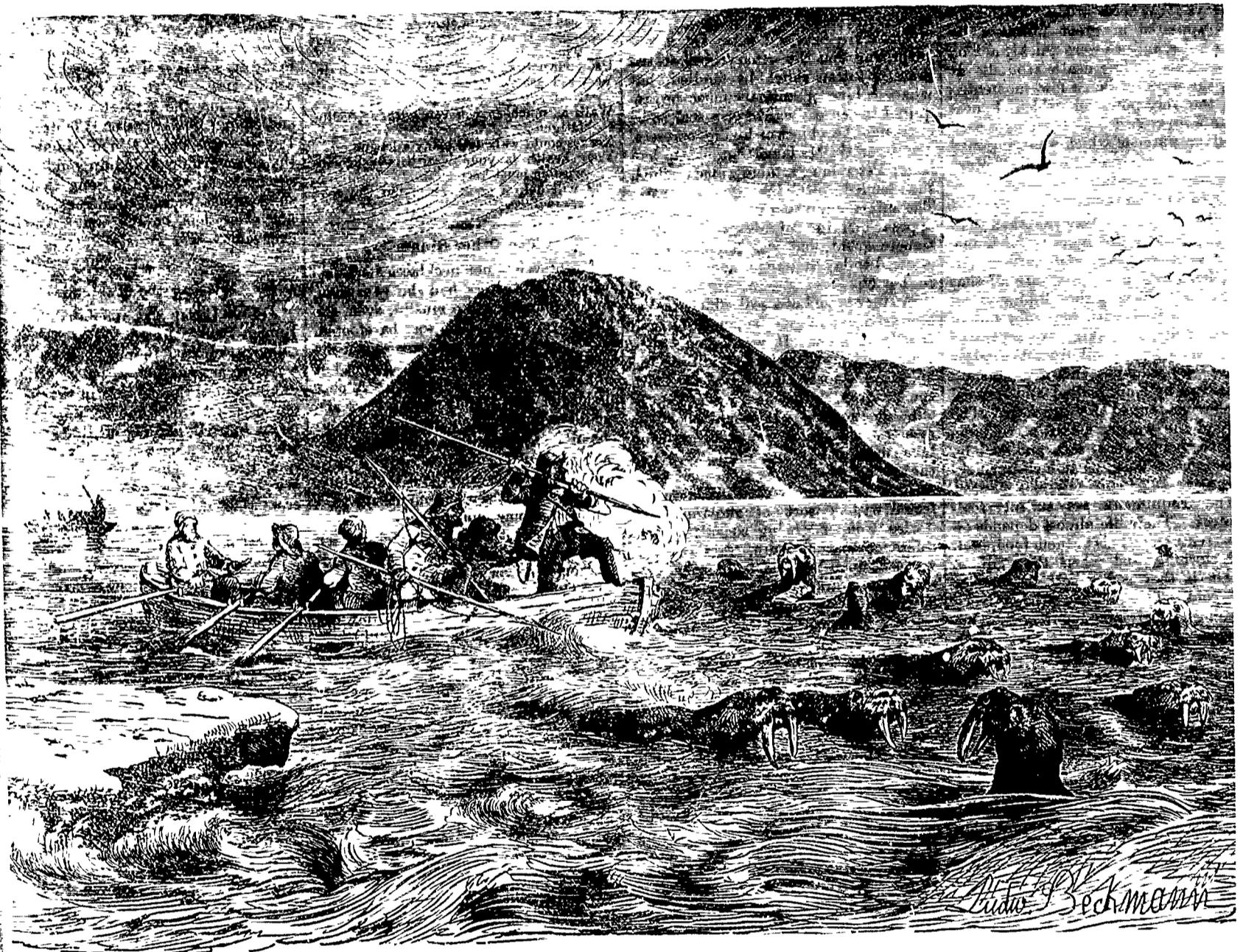
WALRUS and Seal fishing are represented to be exceedingly exciting sports. Originally the animals exhibited no fear of man, and according to report, seals would even remain quietly watching the process of beating one of their

undisturbed quite a distance. On the coast of the Orkneys the seal are described as coming to the shore when the church-bell rings, where they remain manifesting much wonder, but no alarm, as long as the sound continues. This fearlessness seems to arise from a

has established his reputation among them as a foe, he can scarcely catch one. It then requires all his patience and dexterity.

The walrus belongs to the same order, but not the same genus as the seal, which just now is of special value,

catching them is well represented in the illustration, although it is not pleasant to think that the animals are faithfully pictured if it be true, as some natural historians assert, that their countenance so resemble the human face as to have given rise to the sup-



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number to death. They have always been interested in human beings, and are said to rise in the water at the noise of a passing boat, and to regard it with a great evidence of curiosity, going very near to listen if the passengers are speaking loudly, and following

confidence in man and not from stupidity, for they are wary and watchful where they suspect danger. A company of them may almost all be asleep, but there is always a sentinel, wide awake and sharply looking out for the approach of an enemy. When man

because fashion has decreed that its fur shall be the uniform of its votaries.

For dwellers in the far north, and for arctic explorers, the flesh of both walrus and seal is valuable for food, the oil for fuel and light, the skin and tusks for barter. One method of

posed existence of mermen and mermaids. Mr. Charles Francis Hall, in his "Arctic Researches," says that a whaler once saw in Frobisher Bay "millions out on the pieces of ice drifting with the tide—walrus in every direction—millions on millions." One