

latitudes at the beginning of the season, and gradually descend as the year advances. However, when there are large spaces of water left clear among the ice, the fish resort to them, because they can enjoy their favourite 'flaw-edge' with open water, and at the same time be less disturbed by visitants. Accordingly, if there should be much room for the 'fish to lie and play to the nor'ward,' they are expected to stray there, and 'the ships keep hovering among the ice' in wait for them. There are some particular latitudes considered more favourable for meeting with whales than others; 77° being always reputed a 'dead latitude,' while 79°, 78°, 76°, 75°, and degrees much lower, bear fair reputations for affording full ships.

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