

In front of them was a quantity of drift-wood raised upon rafters; and around them there were several heaps of bones, and skulls of seals and grampuses, which in all probability had been retained conformably with the superstitions of the Greenlanders, who carefully preserve these parts of the skeleton.* A rank grass grew luxuriantly about these deserted abodes, and also about the edges of several pools of fresh water, in which there were some wild fowl. We returned to the ship late at night, and found her ready for sea.

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* Crantz Greenland, Vol. I.