

*Discovery of a North-West Passage.*

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Length, his Jaw-Bone eight Feet. Great Part of the Fins were dropped off, the Whale being much putrefied; but the remaining Fin was got and almost two Casks of Blubber. From the Harpoon which was in the Whale, it may be supposed to have been killed by the *Eskimaux*, whose Harpoons are of Bone, about three Inches long, double-forked at one End as a Snakes Tongue, and a single Fork on one Side above the double Fork; there is a Hole at the other End of the Bone, in which they put a Staff to strike with; the Staff being loose, parts from the Harpoon as soon as it is entered; to the Harpoon they fasten a Thong of Sea-Horse-Hide of a Finger's Breadth, and about forty Yards in Length or more, to which thong they tie a Seal Skin blown up like a Bladder, which not only shews where the Fish is, but also greatly fatigues it. The Thong here was cut off from the Harpoon excepting a small Piece, and the Harpoon was got out with some Difficulty, being quite within the Fat and entering the Flesh. It fell calm soon after that the Whale was alongside, they continued to work on it till about nine, and at ten o'Clock there was a Breeze of Wind but contrary, as it had been some Days before; the Wind was now N. W. by W. and these Delays from the Wind, after having been so long detained in the Ice, were a great Check to the Hopes we had entertained with respect to what we should do that Season.

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