

**CLEAR WATER.**—Any part of the sea unencumbered with ice.

**CROW'S NEST.**—A small circular house like a cask, fixed at the mast-head, in which the look-out man sits, either to guide the ship through the ice, or to give notice of whales.

**DOCK.**—In a floe may be natural or artificial; the former being simply a small "bight," in which a ship is placed to secure her from the danger of external pressure; and the latter, a square space cut out with saws for a similar purpose.

**FIELD.**—A sheet of ice, generally of great thickness, and of too great extent to be seen over from a ship's mast-head.

**FLINCHING.**—The operation of stripping a sea-animal of its skin and blubber.

**FLOE.**—The same as a field, except that its extent can be distinguished from a ship's mast-head. A "bay-floe" is a floe of ice newly formed.

**FLOE-PIECE.**—An expression generally applied to small pieces of floes, not more than a furlong square.

**A HOLE OR POOL OF WATER.**—A small space of "clear water," when the rest of the sea is covered with ice.

**HUMMOCK.**—A mass of ice rising to a considerable height above the general level of a floe, and forming a part of it. Hummocks are originally raised by the pressure of floes against each other.