

TECHNICAL TERMS

PECULIAR TO THE NAVIGATION AMONG ICE.

BAY-ICE.—Ice newly formed upon the surface of the sea. The expression is, however, applied also to ice a foot or two in thickness.

BESET.—The situation of the ship when closely surrounded by ice.

BIGHT.—An indentation in a floe of ice, like a bay, by which name it is sometimes called.

BLINK.—A peculiar brightness in the atmosphere, often assuming an arch-like form, which is generally perceptible over ice or land covered with snow. The blink of land, as well as that over *large* quantities of ice, is usually of a yellowish cast.

BORE.—The operation of “boring” through loose ice consists in entering it under a press of sail, and forcing the ship through by separating the masses.

CALF.—A mass of ice lying under a floe near its margin, and when disengaged from that position, rising with violence to the surface of the water. See **TONGUE**.