

The whole party travelled on sledges drawn by dogs, and went the distance of forty miles the first day. It was admirable to notice the laborious efforts of the dogs, who went the whole distance without food, it being the custom of these people to feed them only once a day, and that in the evening.

On the following day as the party were passing near to some piles of stones, which manifestly had been collected together for some purpose, Toolemak's wife suddenly fell on her knees and began to cry loudly and bitterly, in which she was also joined by her husband, and they both shed abundance of tears. This continued for a few minutes, after which they resumed their usual spirits. On being asked the cause of this ceremony, Toolemak said that this place had been their residence in the summer, and the spot on which his wife knelt had been where a son had formerly slept, but who was since dead. This incident may serve to shew the power of habit on the feelings, as their sorrow was to all appearance sincere, and having thus given it expression, they resumed their former character.

The party proceeded to the head of the inlet, and then walking two miles over land came to a river which they were told was to be their fishing place. Having pitched their tents, they set forwards on the ice, and making holes through it, which was several feet in thickness, let down the lines. The fish-hooks of these people were composed of an iron hook fixed into a piece of ivory. This hook is covered with a piece of blubber, which is tied on with a sinew. The rod is made of a small piece of wood, or bones, with which the line is kept constantly moving. All things being prepared, Toolemak's wife went to the holes and pronounced a few words, to which her husband added an expression or two which had reference to his European companions. Their success however was very trifling, as they caught only one fish after two days waiting. In consequence of this ill success, they made a kind of fish-gig, and fixing it to the end of a pole, and using bait to attract the fish, they soon