

they remain (sunk under the pickle which is made by the salt and juices of the fish) until the fishing slacks; they are then washed clean in some of their own pickle, put into tierces of 42 gallons, some fresh salt strewed on them, well trod down, headed up, and the cask filled with pickle at the bung.

L. 226. "In paths." The foxes are fond of cruising along the shore, in order to pick up dead fish or birds; and, by constantly walking along the same track, they beat paths in which the furrier places his traps, neatly sunk into the ground, and covered so that nothing shall now appear.

L. 227. "Although not yet in kind." The furrier's term for out of season. Foxes are not in season before the end of November, and, until they are, will only fetch half price, but, by that time, the path work is pretty well over.

L. 231. "Rubbing-places." See note on line 20.

L. 233. "Death-falls." A deathfal is a trap made of sticks, one of which falls on the back of the creature, and kills it, in the same manner as the common wooden mouse trap.

L. 235. "To shoot himself." A gun is fixed under a shed built for the purpose with a string to the trigger, to the end of which is fastened a piece of bait, which is so placed that when the bear seizes it the muzzle of the gun must be close to his breast; we kill many bears this way.

L. 259. "If deer paths." The deer, by constantly travelling in the same direction, at particular seasons of the year, beat paths for themselves; when therut comes on them, they resort to the barren hills, and are continually moving about; therefore this is the best time to catch them in slips, which are snares of rope or wire three fathoms long, and are placed in the paths where they cross a skirt of wood so as to take them by the neck. The hinds are as good now as ever, and the dry ones very fat.

L. 265. "Of beaver too." It is a difficult thing to catch beaver after the ponds are frozen up, unless a man understands it well and has a good dog to find them when they will not return to their houses, but lie out under a hollow bank; but let him understand it ever so well, he will kill twenty before the ponds are frozen, for one afterwards.

L. 269. "The eider-ducks." They fly to the southward in large flocks at the approach of winter; and, as they trim round certain points of land, people make a blind there, and kill great numbers.]

L. 275. "The ponds are now." All ponds and still waters are commonly frozen fast by the end of October, sometimes sooner; rivers by the middle of that month, and the harbours by the end of it.

L. 277. "Nets for amphibious seals." The seals are killed in nets moored properly for the purpose. They generally appear first about the third week in Nov. and go away about the soth of December; these are what we call the winter seals,