

restored to-day by the wife of the reputed thief, who thereupon received from our witty tars the cognomen of "Thermometer Jack." During the night the wind increased to a gale, which, however, did not deter the natives from their accustomed visit. They brought accounts that the upper harbour was freezing over. In the afternoon the wind and sea became so boisterous, that our visitors were unable to return to shore; their boats were hoisted up, and preparations made for their accommodation during the night.

It was of course necessary to provide them with food; and as they did not like our usual diet, culinary invention was brought to bear upon the subject most successfully. We had on board a large pitch-kettle which fortunately had not yet been in use; in this were boiled together oatmeal, biscuit, and fat, which latter the episode of the tallow candle convinced us would be appreciated. The mixture was distributed to groups and individuals in all the vessels we could muster, and was devoured with manifest appreciation, the diligence of the partakers only lessening upon an approach to satiety. Immediately upon the conclusion of the meal, pipes were universally produced and filled, fire struck with flint and steel, and a smoke taken by each, after which the demand for tin-tin-mee-mil (fresh water) became general, which we had great