

but grand scene what a contrast between this
the sun still conveyed an glowy & afflating light
the mountain & hair long remained before the
without perceptible motion & as though it flowered
down the heat from the force that the sun
sent on the destruction of mountains of
ground & oceans of ice so much was the heat
felt that the thermometer rose from 36 to 53 from
8.46 to meridian & the surface of the water became
11° warmer at last it was perceived that the
ice motion & the motion was for the lower
limb gradually dipped & moved on by a just &
impartial light the sun & light round on the
other side of the pole to gladden & cheer the hearts
of others or at least the globe must keep doing
down to catch the warm & adoring rays
the fore part of his day was of an unusual bright
clear sea high 15 or 20 ships sailed over this
fine & delicious Bay from 10 to 15 miles broad from
13. Dec on 3 sides N. & E. & on the 9th St. & Island
that a safe was seen for the day before they
had been having past ice mountains brought by
mistaken that clear water & pointed to North
which knowledge man was ignorant of till
within seeing distance & that in glass went
to must lead & I saw the horizon round to N & E
nothing but a vast field of ice was to be seen
stretching away to the horizon as far as the eye
could discern aided by a telescope & the sun
to the westward & to the N & E the land over Cape
Nap & a Chaplin rose high above the field of
with their many spiced summits all clad in
snow towering one above another which gave
a beautiful contrast with the blue arch of
heaven the atmosphere was so clear & refined that
these apparent mountains of snow could be
seen at a great distance one falling back
of another & becoming more & more obscured by the
distance in atmosphere until the eye rested
on the last mountain just visible & apparently
resting against the arch of heaven every thing
seemed to combine in drawing out the thoughts
of man & to impress on his mind the greatness
of the creator the brightness was splendid & the
glittering profound in unbroken by the vagance
of man not a breath of air with the slightest motion
of the ship the sea was smooth as a mirror as
I looked out & around & viewed this wonderful
scene my mind was lost in wonder & the stillness
was so great that it appeared as though something
terrible was about to take place some terrible
convulsion of nature like the bursting of fountains
of these great mountains of snow & fields of ice &
rolling down on the sides of the earth & melting.

& running away in liquid streams - never before
was it so forcibly impressed on my mind the nothingness
of man compared with the creator & the more
I thought I wondered the more his greatness magnified
his glory brightened but this brightness was of a short
duration the sun had disappeared for towards the
western horizon before the sun was obscured by a dark
thick large cloud which rose & soon the rain began
to fall which rose like a curtain & for the
sun to shine longer on the inhabitants of this dreary
region these people it appears to me must be
the descendants of some strange out from a bright
warm & a flood of plenty to a cold desolate & dreary
waste where the sun disappears for a long season
when the sun does return he is not permitted to
again above the horizon he is so low that
permitted to cheer their hearts by his light
only at intervals no wonder that these poor
retched beings worship the sun
while laughing he came in the Bay & perceived
that the ice was closing down towards the point
not wishing to be shut in to a Bay where no whales was
to be seen as soon as the wind turned I put my ship
in motion & during the night worked out 4 or
3 days returned & found the ice closed on to the
shore & had that a number of ships were to
the Bay & as no whales was to be seen on the west
coast of St. Lawrence Island & as a large body
had past in to the Straits I formed an idea that
there was a space of clear water to the west
of Kings island off so I felt confident that there
would be whales for it did not look reasonable
one that they would go up under the ice if it was
all closely packed & no clear water in the Straits
nor or arch for certainly it must be tiresome to
them to look about to find a blowhole in the
last packed ice that is from 10 to 18 feet thick
then it must be with great difficulty that they
proceed in raising their spout holes above the
surface in a small hole where the ice is of that
thickness still their head is peculiarly formed &
it must be for this purpose I will just give a
brief description that you may quickly see the
curve of the upper part of the head with position
that they must put themselves in to raise their
spout holes above the surface in small holes
where the ice is thick enough first dig your arm
down on the table from the elbow to the length of
the thumb 2" double all of your fingers under the hand
but the fore bring the thumb under the fore finger
so as to touch the middle finger still the thumb &
3 fingers resting on the table then hold the fore finger
straight out & forward so that the end is as high
above the table as the joint of the finger in the hand
then gradually lower the end till it descends halfway to
the table still keeping the 2" joint the same height