

FINDING THE POLE

BY JULES VERNE.

FIRST INSTALLMENT.
It was a bold project of Captain Hatteras to try to push his way to the North Pole, and gain for England the glory of its discovery. But he had struggled for nine months against currents and tempests, shattering icebergs and breaking through almost insurmountable barriers. In an unprecedented winter he had outdistanced all his predecessors and accomplished half his task, when he saw all his hopes blasted. The mutiny of his worst crew had left him and his little band of three men in a terrible situation—helpless in an icy desert, 2,500 miles from their native land—their ship a wreck, blown up by the ice.

iron, cable ends still smouldering, and here and there in the distance spiral wreaths of smoke—that was all. Books, instruments and precious collections were in ashes.
Dog Beside Master.
Clawbonny, the surgeon, and Johnson, the boatswain, surveyed the wreck. Bell, the carpenter, lay insensible on the ice. Captain Hatteras stood apart, arms folded, his faithful dog beside him.
"Poor old brig!" exclaimed the doctor. "I had grown attached to her. I loved her as one loves a house where he has spent a lifetime."
"Ay! it's strange what a hold those planks and beams get on a fellow's heart," said Johnson.
"And the longboat—is that burnt?" asked the doctor.
"The mutineers carried it off."
"And the pitruque?"
"Shivered into a thousand pieces!"
"Then we have nothing but the Halkett boat?"
"Yes, we have that still, thanks to your idea of taking it with you."



Bell, replied the doctor. "Then go and find the sledge, and get the American."
Bell lay on the ice almost insensible. Johnson had to take vigorous measures to rouse him, but at last, by dint of shaking and rubbing him with snow he succeeded.
"Come Bell," he cried, "don't give way like this. Exert yourself, my man; we must have a talk about our situation, and we need a place to put our heads in. Come and help me, Bell. You haven't forgotten how to make a snow hut, have you? There is an iceberg all ready to hand; we've only got to hollow it out. Let's set to work; we shall find that is the best remedy for us."
Shakes Off Torpor.
Bell tried to shake off his torpor and help his comrade, while Dr. Clawbonny undertook to go and fetch the sledge and the dogs.
"Will you go with him, captain?" asked Johnson.
"No, my friend," said Hatteras, in a gentle tone, "if the doctor will kindly undertake the task. Before the day ends I must come to some resolution, and I need to be alone to think. Go. Do meantime whatever you think best. I will deal with the future."
Johnson went back to the doctor and said:
"It's very strange, but the captain seems quite to have got over his anger. I never heard him speak so gently before."
"So much the better," said Clawbonny. "Believe me, Johnson, that man can save us yet."
And drawing his hood as closely round his head as possible, the doctor seized his iron-tipped staff, and set out without further delay.
Johnson and Bell commenced digging a hole in the heart of a great block of ice. It was not easy work, owing to the extreme hardness of the material. However, this very hardness guaranteed the solidity of the dwelling, and the further their labors advanced the more they became sheltered.
Hatteras alternately paced up and down and stood motionless, evidently shrinking from any approach to the scene of the explosion.
American Found.
In about an hour the doctor returned, bringing with him Altamont, the American, on the sledge, wrapped up in the folds of the tent. The dogs were so exhausted from starvation that they could scarcely draw



"THE EXPLOSION OF THE FORWARD TOOK THEIR LAST MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE."

at any moment, and then it would be quite useless to look for anything."
"Don't let us lose a minute, then," replied Johnson. "Fire and wood—these are our chief wants."
"Very well, you search one side and I'll take the other, and we'll take from the center to the circumference."
This task occupied two hours, and would hardly last three weeks, and they had wood enough to supply the stove for about the same time.
Capt. Hatteras, with Bell and the doctor, had been away on an exploring expedition, when the mutiny occurred. The morning after the little party had built their snow house, he called Johnson to him.
"Tell me all the particulars of the mutiny on the brig," he said.
"Well," began the sailor, "almost immediately after your departure, Shandon, supported by the others, took command of the ship. I couldn't resist him. Shandon made no attempt at discipline. He made them believe that their privations and toils were at an end. Economy was entirely disregarded. A blazing fire was kept up in the stove, and the men were allowed to eat and drink all they wanted. Not only was tea and coffee at their disposal, but all the liquor."
On men who had been so long deprived of strong drink, you may guess the result. They went on in this manner from the 7th to the 15th of January.
"And this was Shandon's doing?" asked Hatteras.
"Yes, captain."
"It was about the 24th or 25th of January that they resolved to abandon the ship. Their plan was to reach the west coast of Baffin's bay, and from thence to embark in the boat and follow the track of the whalers, or to get to some of the Greenland settlements on the eastern side. Provisions were abundant, and the sick men were so excited by the hope of return that they were almost well."
Massacre Threatened.
"They began their preparations for departure by making a sledge which they were to draw themselves, as they had no dogs. This was not ready till the 15th of February, and I was always hoping for your arrival, though I half dreaded it, too, for you could have done nothing with the men, and they would have massacred you rather than remain on board."
"I tried my influence on each one separately, remonstrating and reasoning with them, and pointing out the dangers they would encounter, and also the cowardice of leaving you, but it was a mere waste of words. Not even the best among them would listen to me."
(Continued.)

THE MARKETS

The following are the average prices quoted by the local wholesale and retail dealers on local produce, meats and other goods. Prices in all cases are subject to variation, according to business and general excellence, but these prices, unless otherwise indicated, are for strictly first grades.

Eggs and Butter.	
Eggs, fresh, doz.	26
Butter, Fat	21
Butter, ranch	21
Poultry.	
Chickens, live, lb.	19
Geese, live, lb.	16
Ducks, live, lb.	17
Quails, live, lb.	18
Tring, dressed, lb.	24
Geese, dressed, lb.	20
Ducks, live, lb.	13
Quails, live, lb.	09
Tring, live, lb.	1.50 @ 1.00
Geese, live, lb.	1.50 @ 1.00
Ducks, live, lb.	09
Meats, Live Weight.	
Common steers, lb.	04 1/2 @ 05
Over, lb.	05 1/2 @ 05 3/4
Calves, lb.	09
Wethers, lb.	09
Veal, lb.	04
Pigs, lb.	05 1/4 @ 06
Quail steers, lb.	05
Dressed Meats.	
Veal, large	90 @ 10
Veal, medium	100 @ 11
Buttery Foods—Selling Prices.	
Best milk, 100s, ton	29.99
Best milk, No. 1, ton	18.99
Condensed milk, 100s, ton	49.99
Best milk, 100s, ton	26.99
Best milk, 90-lb. cks.	1.75
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Fruit—Selling Prices.	
Apples, Washington	14.00 @ 16.00
Apples, mostly	22.00 @ 24.00
Apples, Alaska	12.00 @ 15.00
Apples, Washington	15.00 @ 17.00
Apples, mostly	27.00
Apples, Alaska	34.00 @ 35.00
Apples, Washington	33.00 @ 34.00

Wheat, ton	25.00 @ 26.00
Shorts, ton	27.00 @ 28.00
Middlings, ton	22.00 @ 23.00
Barley, ton	21.00 @ 22.00
Feed wheat, ton	23.00 @ 24.00
Chop, ton	22.00 @ 23.00
Whole corn, ton	25.00 @ 26.00
Cracked corn, ton	25.00 @ 26.00
Feed corn, meal, ton	25.00 @ 26.00
Rolls oats and barley, mixed	34.00 @ 35.00
Fruit—Selling Prices.	
Apples, local	1.00 @ 1.50
Apples, Washington	1.25 @ 1.75
Wenatchee plums	1.25 @ 1.50
Wenatchee Bartlett's	1.25 @ 1.50
Local corn	1.90 @ 2.25
Local blackberries	1.75 @ 2.25
Local plums	1.50 @ 1.75
Local tomatoes	40 @ 50
Hot house tomatoes	40 @ 50
10 lbs.	40 @ 50
Local potatoes	75 @ 90
Home grown Bartlett's	1.00 @ 1.25
Yellow onions	14

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