End of the Voyage. During the time occupied by them the thermometer stood, outside, at three degrees below freezing-point; and in the "theatre," at four degrees below. The footlights had, probably, never before been kindled at so low a temperature. During this eternal night of 84 days, the thermometer once sunk to fifteen degrees below freezing-point !

Some of the sailors had their limbs frozen, and were never completely cured. One day, the hut made use of as an observatory having caught fire, a seaman who sought to rescue a very valuable instrument lost both his hands; they were stricken by the mortal cold.

At length the month of June arrived, and some excursions were undertaken. In Melville Island the earth was found to be embellished with moss, and turf, and saxifrages. Reindeer had collected there, and musk-oxen, hares, Arctic geese, plovers, and other Arctic birds. Wolves and foxes prowled around this booty, whose possession the English seamen successfully disputed with them.

Captain Parry did not venture to spend a second winter in this terrible region. He returned to England as soon as the summer thaw opened up a free passage.

[In 1821, this able and successful explorer undertook a second voyage with the *Hecla* and the *Fury*. They sailed from the Nore on the 8th of May; they returned to the Shetland Islands on the 10th of October 1823. In the interval of seven-and-twenty months Captain Parry discovered the Duke of York's Bay; a vast number of inlets on the north-eastern coast of the American continent; Winter Island; the islands of Arnatoke and Voglet; the Fury and Hecla Strait; Melville Peninsula, and Cockburn Island. While wintering, in 1822, on Winter Island, the explorers were pleasantly surprised by a visit from a party of Eskimos; a visit which they duly returned. "They found," says Captain Parry, "an establishment of five huts, with canoes, sledges, dogs, and above sixty men, women, and children, as regularly, and, to all appearance, as permanently fixed as if they had occupied the same spot the whole