

fingers, is not pleasurable, even if the temperature be only  $-22^{\circ}$  Fahr. It is slow work, and Easter-day has had to be devoted to the rest of the calculation, so that we shall not get off before this evening. Meanwhile we had a festive Easter-eve and regaled ourselves with the following delicacies: hot whey and water, fish *au gratin*, stewed red whortleberries, and lime-juice grog (*i.e.*, lime-juice tablets and a little sugar dissolved in hot water). Simply a splendid dinner; and, having feasted our fill, we at last, at 2 o'clock, crept in under the cover.

"I have calculated our previous latitudes and longitudes over again to see if I can discover any mistake in them. I find that we should yesterday have come farther south than  $86^{\circ} 5.3' N.$ ; but, according to our reckoning, assuming that we covered 50 miles during the three days, we should have come down to  $85^{\circ}$  degrees and 50 odd minutes. I cannot explain it in any other manner than by the surmise that we have been drifting rapidly northward, which is very good for the *Fram*, but less so for us. The wind has been southerly the last few days. I assume that we are now in longitude  $86^{\circ} E.$ , and have reckoned the present reading of our watches accordingly.\* The variation here I find

\* I felt convinced we could not have reached such a westerly longitude, but assumed this for the sake of certainty, as I would rather come down on the east side of Franz Josef Land than on the west side. Should we reach the latitude of Petermann's Land or Prince Rudolf Land without seeing them, I should in the former case be certain that we had them on our west, and could then look for them in that direction, whereas, in the event