

but the hole quickly filled with water, so we left it to the summer heat to thaw the pipe loose.

So much water commenced to accumulate in the engine-room about this time that we had to bale out considerable quantities—certainly 130 gallons per day. We at first thought that the water was produced by the thawing of the ice on board, but it



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subsequently appeared that it was mainly due to leakages, which probably arose from the fact that ice forming in the different layers of the ship's skin forced the planking somewhat apart.

The state of health continued excellent, and the doctor had virtually nothing to do in his professional capacity. In the way