

shovel, two pickaxes, a saw, a hammer, two chisels, two or three gimlets, and some nails; a kettle, a frying-pan, two saucepans, and knives and forks, and some crockery; two blankets each, and empty covers which they afterward filled with sea-birds' down. They had a lamp and a bottle of oil, and six dozen boxes of Bryant & May's matches.

For internal use they had two hundred pounds of flour, two hundred pounds of rice, one hundred pounds of biscuit, twenty pounds of coffee, ten pounds of tea, thirty pounds of sugar, three pounds of table-salt, a little pepper, eight pounds of tobacco, five bottles of hollands, six bottles of Cape wine, six bottles of vinegar, and some Epsom-salts. A barrel of coarse salt was provided for curing seal-skins, and fourteen empty casks for oil. Their arms and ammunition consisted of a short Enfield rifle, an old German fowling-piece, two and a half pounds of powder, two hundred bullets, and four sheath-knives. The captain of the whaler gave them some seed-potatoes, and they had a collection of the ordinary garden seeds.

When they had been four days on the island they had a visit from a party of men from Tristan, who had come on their annual sealing excursion. They were ten days on Inaccessible, and were very friendly in their intercourse with the newcomers. They told them that the north side of the island was better suited for a settlement, and transported all their goods thither in one of their boats. Being familiar with the place, they showed them generally their way about, and the different passes by which the plateau might be reached from beneath, and they taught them how to build to withstand the violent winds, and how to thatch with tussock-grass.

Immediately after they left, the brothers set about building a house and clearing some ground for potatoes and other vegetables. They killed nineteen fur-seals, and prepared the skins, but they were unable to make any quantity of oil. Toward the end of the sealing season their boat got damaged in the