

later. In January, Frederick swam round the point again, and mounted the cliff. He shot four pigs, ran the fat into buckets, and threw the hams down to his brother on the beach below. He saw the four last goats, but spared them, to increase their number. In February a boat came to the west side from Tristan, and its crew killed the four goats, and departed without communicating with the Stoltenhoffs.

The relations between the Tristan people and the brothers do not appear to have been so cordial latterly as they were at first; and the Stoltenhoffs believe that the object of their neighbors in killing the goats, and in delaying from time to time bringing them some live stock which they had promised them, was to force them to leave the island. It may have been so, for the Tristan men had been in the habit of making a yearly sealing expedition to Inaccessible, and no doubt the presence of the energetic strangers lessened their chance of success.

In March the brothers once more swam round the point and ascended the cliff. After staying on the plateau together for a few days, it was settled that Frederick should remain above and lay in a stock of lard for the winter, Gustav returning to the hut and storing it. When a pig was killed, the hide, with the fat in it, was rolled up, secured with thongs of skin, and thrown over the cliff, and Gustav then ran the lard into a cask.

During their second winter the privations of the brothers do not seem to have been great. They were getting accustomed to their mode of life, and they had always sufficient food, such as it was. They were remarkably well educated: both could speak and read English fluently, and the elder had a good knowledge of French. Their library consisted of eight volumes: Schödler's "Natural History," a German atlas, "Charles O'Malley," "Captain Morrell's Voyages," two old volumes of a monthly magazine, "Hamlet" and "Coriolanus" with French notes, and Schiller's Poems. These they unfortunately came