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Farthest North. The attainment of the highest northern latitude (83°24'N), on 12 May 1882 by Lieutenant James Lockwood and Sargeant David Brainard of the U.S. International Polar Year Expedition 1881–1884, as depicted by the American artist Albert Operti (1852–1927). Over the course of his lifetime, Operti devoted himself to painting 'great' pictures of noteworthy Arctic events in an historically accurate manner. In his paper, 'Albert Operti, chronicler of Arctic exploration' in this issue, Douglas Wamsley describes Operti's versatile career and his passionate efforts in disseminating through his artwork the accomplishments and failures of 19th century Arctic explorers (illustration courtesy of the Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, VT, USA)

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