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Beaufort No.	Wind Kind	Veloc. mi for hour	ft per sec.	Beaufort scale
0	Calm	0	0-2	
1	Light air	2	2-5	
2	Light breeze	5	6-11	Light breeze
3	Gentle "	10	12-18	
4	Moderate "	15	19-27	Moderate "
5	Fresh "	21	28-36	
6	Strong "	27	37-46	Strong wind
7	High wind	35	47-56	
8	Gale	42	57-68	Gale
9	Strong gale	50	69-80	
10	Whole "	59	81-93	Storm
11	Storm	68	94-110	
12	Hurricane	75+	111+	Hurricane -

B - Blue sky	P. Passing showers	Dots under a letter are for emphasis
C - Clouds (detached)	Q. Squally	
D - Drizzling rain	R. Rain	R = heavy rain
E - Wet without rain	S. Snow	R = very " "
F - Foggy	T. Thunder	
G - Gloomy	U. Ugly (threatening)	Figures before letter mean hours. of duration
H - Hail	V. Visibility high	
I - Lightning	W. Dew	
J - Misty	Z. Haze	
O - Overcast	Fog - 0, none; 1, light, 2, 3, moderate; 4, 5, heavy	4 R = 4 hrs rain

Fog 0 none

14 February. Monday. 11.

Orcast and somewhat thick, though moon is visible at 1 p.m. Bad weather in the ice off. S. or S.E. wind continues to blow. Is moderate at ship but cold.

Temp. min. -11° ; 9 a. -10° ; noon -8° ; 3 p. $-10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

Crown of 1st molar, which became loose yesterday, was taken ^{off} and re-cemented in place by Dr. Hunt to-day. He has practiced dentistry more frequently than medicine up here. Chief surgical and medical cases among members of staff have been Tanquary's broken arm, Green's illness, and Allen's congested kidneys, Ekblaw's frozen foot and Tanquary's frozen toes. He (Dr. H.) has been very serviceable to the Eskimos and now is to the crew of the "Cluett" and to me.

This afternoon Ekblaw and I took

a 3 + mile walk on land, visiting¹²
a snowdrift glacier in a valley N.E.
of the igloo. Snow cornice beautiful
with its drapery of heavy curtains in
rows parallel to the vertical surface of
the ice front. A "drop fault" in the ice
has made a pretty grotto 25 to 30 feet deep
from front to back, 6 or 8 feet high,
^{wedge shaped}
with ceiling coated with festoons of frost
due to congelation of vapor rising from
broad, deep crack in the floor.

Exceptionally broad, sharply defined
halo of large diameter around the
moon this evening. Wind has almost
died out and we hope now for better weather.

15 February. Tuesday.

Clear except for low haze along
horizon. Sun is rays hit highest peaks.
Temp. min -19°; 9a -19°; 11(?) - 21°

1 p. - 18° ; 3 p. - 18° . Calm or nearly so. [3]

Out with Dr. Hunt and Pudtlak to seal blow-hole in the ice two miles from "Cluett". Pudtlak bent down ^{at once} and smelled of the hole to determine its freshness. I tested it and found it musky. The hole is about an inch across. Leaving Pudtlak to watch it, Dr. Hunt walked in one direction and I in another looking for a second hole. We zigzagged over a wide area, but without success.

Dr. Hunt's course lay toward the ship and he came in. Mine was outward and I walked 8 or 9 miles before getting back to the "Cluett". Pudtlak gave up watching the hole after an hour or so and went on out beyond Parker Snow Point looking for a lead beside which he might use his net for seal.

Left lower wisdom tooth began 5/4
ache again and Dr. Hunt had to take
out the gutta percha filling and plug the
hole with oil of cloves. What a lot of mis-
ery a bad tooth can cause! and what a
relief the oil of cloves gives!

Dr. examined my heart on my
return from my 3+ hour walk and
said that it was acting better, seem-
ingly nearly normal, probably a re-
sult of the exercise equalizing the
circulation. Later I had an hour
or more of the ^{oppressed} distressed feeling in
my chest, but he said that it was
nothing serious. I wonder - at
any rate the feeling ceased when my
tooth stopped aching.

At 7:45 Siglu and Boseman
arrived from Umanak and
an hour (?) later Alakutsiaq came

in. They had been held up by 15
the open leads off Petouik glacier,
which did not close until last night.

Alakutsiaq has only four dogs now,
having lost two while he was away.
He is as cheerful as ever and as fat as
a seal from the abundance he has had to
eat. He brought some meat for Pudlak
and his family.

16 February. Wednesday -

Clear except toward horizon. Calm.
Temp. min -21°; 9a. -18°; noon -18°

About 10:30 all three kamatiks be-
gan to start back to Umanak,
Sigdlu leading with Ekblaw
and most of his baggage. I
had started out for my daily
walk. They overtook me a half
mile this side of the big gulch.

Ek jumped off for a final good ¹⁶
bye to me. I hated to see him go,
although I know full well the need
of his departure. It is doubtful now
whether he will be able to reach E.
tah before Mac Millan leaves on
his long trip. Ek reached the "Clued"
early in the evening of 17 September,
five months ago tomorrow, and
I have found him a fine fellow
and an inspiring companion.

Dr. Hunt has decided to re-
main on the ship, because, he says,
I need him now for my tooth
and am liable to need him on
account of my heart. I do not
like being an object of solicitude either to myself or to
others.

This morning at ten o'clock the

chief started for Conical Rock [7] on a wager of a blue fox skin each (with the second mate) that he could ~~not~~ make the round trip within five hours. He started off at a too rapid gait, taking French Ben as companion and totting Dr. Hunt's automatic as a precaution against meeting a bear. — At 8:45 the two returned, having turned the trick in $3\frac{3}{4}$ hours, which was excellent time. They encountered considerable thin ice near the island and were in danger more than once. Ben broke through with one foot and got his leg into the water above the knee. The chief earned his foxtails all right, and I for one was glad of his success.

17 February - Thursday.

18

Clear, almost cloudless, calm.

Magnificent day, followed by cloudless, brilliant evening. Full moon. Venus and Jupiter a beautiful sight in the west. Temp. min -28°; 9a. -24°; noon -25°

6:30 p. -25°

Chief put second band of brass around cabin stove, completely inclosing the fire pot. Efficiency of stove as a heater reduced, but the stove will not fall apart quite yet.

Out for six mile walk. as far as gulch with chief who then turned back, we being then in the full sun-light. First time this year and it was fine to have it to enjoy again. I think that these Eskimos might be excusable if they were sun-worshippers, but they seem to be almost without religion of any

kind. Went out to next point, Lg where I met Dr. Hunt and Mac Dougal returning from the cache near Cape Dudley Digges. Dr. was trudging in a ~~sixty~~^{fifty} pound box of prunes. It seemed to me like quite a load for a five mile carry, but Dr. said that it was "nothing". Once he carried a 130-pound deer carcass on his shoulders through the Maine woods. I wore my Kooletah in addition to my bear skin pants and found myself too warmly clothed for much walking. Better too warm than too cold, however, in my present condition.

Had first class hare-stew for dinner to-day - but nothing else except bread, biscuit, butter and tea. Standard breakfast continues to be oatmeal or cornmeal mush, beans, bread, butter, molasses and coffee.

The low rays of the sun pro- [10]
duced a beautiful effect, shining
through the snow-ice crystals on the
bay ice and giving a broad band of
bright prismatic colors. One good
parhelion too was in the southwest.

18 February. Friday.

Slightly hazy overhead. Increasingly cloudy from horizon. Southern clouds threaten wind, but almost calm at ship all day in fjord. At 6 p.m. gale from S.E. struck the ship and we are shivering this evening, although the temperature has risen considerably. ^{air filled} with flying snow.
Temp. min. -26° ; 9a. -21° ; noon -18° ; 3p. -13°

Worked on Rasmussen letter for some hours then went out alone for a four-mile walk to base of northern branch Cluett glacier and the

snow drift ridge glacier at 11
the western end of the big nunatak.
Fine snow cornice along the up-
per part of the ridge.

Sun was visible from ship's deck
at land shortly before sunset at
about 3 p.m. Was almost but
not quite far enough north yester-
day to be seen from the ship. The
sunset colors were as brilliant and
gorgeous as they were last October.
Beautiful rose tint on high snow-
covered mountain N.E. of bay.

Dr. Hunt examined Pudtlack's eyes
as well as he could without instruments
and thinks that there ~~be~~ may be some
hope of helping him, if he is sent to
Copenhagen. Trouble probably due
to snow blindness and not to freez-
ing of the eyeballs as Peter supposed.

Dr. Hunt applied electricity 1/2 to Charlie this evening in the hope of helping him out of trouble.

Great excitement at 7:30 when Charlie came down, leaving the door of the canvas house open. We thought that the wind would carry the canvas away, before the mate could get the door shut. Charlie did not seem to have any idea of the danger to which he exposed us, though he had been told often enough to be careful to close the door after him when the wind was blowing.

19 February. Saturday.

Somewhat overcast and cloudy this morning, clearing overhead about noon, but heavy clouds near horizon and banks of fog

or low cloud on southern mts. [13]

Temp. min -21°; 9a. +1°; 11a -4°
2:30 p.-10°

Last night's heavy gale blew itself out about 4 this morning and the day has been calm until this evening. About 7 p.m. S.E. wind began blowing strongly again.

Dr. Hunt and I walked out to Cape Dudley Digges and back - a good 10-mile tramp. Wind had blown away all the loose snow, hence the footing was almost perfect, the weather being all that could be desired, the walk was very enjoyable. Petowik Glacier looked beautiful, with the sunlight touching its higher parts. Wostenholme Island & Cape Athabasca in the background. Dr. brought back

six cans of clam chowder for 1/14
my use at the evening luncheons
which he directed me to eat.

Cape Dudley Diggas is a black
hornblende gneiss, beautifully banded
with white and pink feldspar
and showing strong contortion.

Thick transverse veins of quartz
and feldspar are numerous.

Saw considerable epidote.

Dr. says that Small was not a suitable cook for a party like the C. L. E. staff, being ignorant of the kind of food required, dirty in habits and as to his hands and prone to shirk the work anyhow. Jot was, however, always willing to put his mechanical ability at the disposition of the other members of the staff. Mac failed to regulate

the cooking business properly, [15]
just as he failed to regulate other
important matters. Dr. says that
there was a lack of unanimity
in the ideas & or desires of the other
members of the staff and admits
that Mac might ^{probably} have been held
in check and some features of
the life and work of the Expedition
improved, had the staff gotten
together and presented a united
determined front regarding
matters that were objectionable
in their eyes.

At 6 p.m., it was just seven
months since the "George B. Cluett"
cast off from Morrison's Graham
wharf at Sydney and started on
this unfortunate and ill man-
aged voyage;

20 February. Sunday. [16]

Somewhat overcast; calm in early morning; clear, strong S. wind (Easterly at ship) at noon.

Temp. min -16°; 9a. -13°; noon -3°

On board, blister on foot precluding long walk and keen wind making even a short one unwise. Finished my long letter to Rasmussen regarding arrangements with Peter for the southern trip.

Breezed up during evening.

Just a month this afternoon since my party started from Cape York leaving disconsolate me behind. I wonder where they are now.

21 February. Monday.

Thirty overcast morning with little or no wind. South

wind on ice cap sends an (17)
occasional keen gust against
the ship.

Temp. min -11°; 9a +2°; noon -5°

Night was windy and the
wind had the full force of a gale from
2 to 3 this morning, dying down
afterward.

Dr. Hantz's dinner yesterday
gave him trouble last night, so
he turned in again after break-
fast and I walked out alone.
Went over to front of Coron glacier,
encountering some gusts
of keen wind on the way. Inter-
ested in observing the process of polish-
ing the vertical ice face by the wind-
driven particles of icy snow.
Concave slope of snow drift at base
of ice and moraine is like the

lower slope and surface of the 118

northern branch of the Cluett Glacier.

Dr. Hunt built a fire on the rocks near the
site from peat dug in the immediate vicinity.
There is much peat in this region.

22 February. Tuesday.

Overcast. Heavy S.E. wind.

Temp. min -8°; 9a. +8°; noon +12°; 5p. +17°
6p. +20°; 7p. +18°

Disagreeable day on account of
the wind, which was very keen in spite
of high temperature and was driving lots
of snow before it across the surface of
the bay ice. Taylor reports leads o-
pen around Conical Rock and Pe-
toulic Glacier. Good sunset.

On board all day, writing, talking + playing
cards and chess.

23 February. Wednesday.

Extremely thick. Strong gale from S.E.
with much thick fine snow. One
of the worst storms that I have ever
seen, a regular blizzard, cannot
see 50 yards in any direction.

Comes up to my ideal of what an ^{1/9} Arctic storm would be, except that the temperature is relatively high. Calm for a time last night.

Temp. min +8°; 9a. +17°; 5p. +5°

On board all day.

Pudlak and Inetliak are fortunate in having food and fuel again. He got a hare in a snare yesterday, so that the family had a feast last night and the two Eskimo ^{lamp} stoves were going on the seal fat brought down by Alduktsiak last week. The igloo looked cheerful again ^{last night} with its window brightly lighted.

This evening even the Captain admitted that the storm was a bad one, so we land lubbers think that our estimate of it is fairly correct.

24 February. - Thursday.

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Rather thick with lowlying fog but almost clear overhead, moderate wind, around ten o'clock. Overcast about noon and southeasterly wind blowing strongly out of the fjord.

Temp. min. -4° ; 9a. -4° ; noon -3°

Yesterday's severe storm lasted well into or nearly through the night. Considerable snow fell, but it drifted and blew away so badly that no estimate of amount can be formed. The drift ^{separated by} at a little distance from the ship is now half as high as the rail and the moat around the bow is quite a trench, being about two feet deep. This is to windward, while a ridge shaped drift comes into contact with the stern of the vessel.

Dr. H. Hunt & I went out for a short

walk, partly on the bay and [21]
partly on shore. Wind was too high
to render it advisable to take the long
walk which we desired to take. I
staid out an hour after he came aboard
and I walked half way across the head
of the bay. Increasing wind caused my re-
turn early. Heavy black water fog
is in evidence close in, crossing
from Parker Snow Point to Cape
Dudley Digges. Mate Davis went
out a mile and climbed up the
cliff to where he could see open water
stretching across the bay from the
little cove inside of where the "Cluett"
moored, but he could not tell where
it struck this shore. We fear that
our three boxes on the ice (clam chow-
der, pears and apples) have been
carried out. Snow surface firm

even on the newly formed drifts, while 22
that of the old ones is like marble in
appearance and hardness.

Evening clear, less wind

25 February. Friday.

Beautiful day, clear, occasional
light clouds. Little or no wind f. S.E.
Temp. min -4°; 9a. -1°; 2p. -1°

Fine, clear evening, rising wind.

Dr. Hunt and I walked out to
Black Point 4 miles from ship, in-
tending to visit our cache at Cape
Dudley Digges. Open water clear up
to the rock of the point and we
could not get by. Taylor and Bay
came in this evening saying that
the Cape was completely surround-
ed by water, no boxes in sight. We
think that the main part of our
cache is all right, being upon

the rocks of the point. It would [23] be a calamity, if the material on shore were to be carried away! The boxes on the ice were $\frac{3}{4}$ case clamchowder, 1 case pears and 1 case apples.

The footing was bad, soft and rough by turns, so that I am more fatigued than at any previous time since leaving Sydney last summer.

Captain Pickels and Mac Dougal went out to edge of old ice near middle of bay. Walrus came up in open water (thin young ice) within short rifle range and a seal poked its head up farther away.

Mate saw sun at noon above southern mountains. Says that he is sure that it could have been seen yesterday had the clouds not been too thick.

Am turning in at 9:20, too tired for late hours this evening.

26 February - Saturday.

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Clear, light thin clouds, black water fog in west & southwest. Strong N.E. wind.

Temp. min. -4° ; 9a. -2° ; 11a. -3° . Ice 50".

Slept well last night, though it was almost too warm in my sleeping bag a part of the time. Water in room froze as usual. Captain Come's little snow igloo beside the ship has been very useful during the past three months, but considerable snow drifted in during the recent big storm and no one has taken the trouble to go in with a shovel and clear it out. Wind wore the east side rather thin. Snow festooned itself in beautiful fashion on ceiling and walls.

A few days ago Dr. Hunt expressed the same opinion that some of the other men have voiced regarding Captain Kehoe of the "Erik", viz: that

Macmillan is altogether too 25
severe upon him in his criticisms
regarding his not getting to Cape Sabine.
They think that ice conditions were such
that Kehoe was justified in turning back
when he did. The ship had some pretty
hard knocks and narrow escapes and
no supplies had been landed at Etah.
If the ship had been lost the men
would surely have starved.

27 February. Sunday.

Clear fine day. E. or S. E. breeze blowing
through fjord. Cloudless, except near horizon
Temp. min -4°; 9a. -2°; noon -2°; 3p. -8°
3:40 p. -7°; 5 p. -5°

Out for long, enjoyable walk with
Dr. Hunt, in spite of the strong breeze
from E. Went up snow slope north
^{Clunett} side Corner glacier, along lateral no.

raine, across glacier and up to [26] top of high mountain (2500(?) feet a.t.) east of fjord, where Ekblaw and H.C.P. built a cairn about a fortnight ago, down S.W. side, and along valley beside north side Cluett glacier and thence directly to ship. More than 11 miles, I should think; $4\frac{3}{4}$ hours.

Noted only gray and pink gneiss in moraine of Comer glacier. The moraine is almost as high as the gneiss ledges immediately north of the glacier & is separated therefrom by a valley ^{seems} ^{down} well toward level of bottom of glacier itself. These ledges therefore are not the source of the moraine. Side valley comes down to glacier from north, shows strong stream action, also a large typical snowdrift glacier which backs up against the moraine of the Comer glacier.

Not much ice is exposed on the top {27
of the glacier at this season of the year,
but toward southern side of glacier
noted several ($4\pm$) long low round-
ed longitudinal ridges of smooth, fitted
ice. Perhaps these are the remains
of snowdrifts of former years. South
side of glacier also shows strong valley be-
tween it and the land. An east-facing
side of a point of the land which forms a
cove retreating from the ~~the~~ main glacier
presents a moat between it and a
snowdrift glacier with a beautiful cornice
and long icicles above the vertical polished
ice surface. As we mounted higher
and higher the wind diminished
in strength and on the summit
we felt none. Added a stone to the
cairn put up a fortnight ago by
Ekblaw and Capt. Pickels. View

asperb in all directions. That of the ~~124~~
undulating surface of the ice cap
interested me particularly. To the
N.E., 10 or 15 miles away, there is a maze
of angular snow covered peaks and
what is apparently a nunatak of bare
rock. To the south we looked down
the Ekblaw Glacier to the sea at
Sukken. Did not see any black
sea ice in that direction. Off Parker Snow
Bay there is much young black ice but
also ^{as} much or more snow-covered
old ice. As we came down the moun-
tain, we felt the wind increasing
at our backs. The air was rolling
down hill off the ice cap. Some
fine sastrugi in the long valley
beside the Cluett Glacier. Had fine
footing all the way, except on the bay
where the surface was strikingly soft.
The top of the mountain is covered

with loose angular fragments (29)
of rock apparently in place or nearly so.

28 February. Monday.

Clear, cloudless, calm. Another fine day.

Temp. min -16°; 9a. -14°; noon -13°; 4p. -14°

Captain and crew except mate and cook out in various directions hunting or walking. I staid on board to work on W.I. report. Cook came into cabin and spun some yarns to Dr. Hunt and the mate about the birds and eggs of Tristan d' A-cunha and other places which he has visited. About 2:30 p.m. went out alone for 4+ mile walk on bay as far as the Greek. About half the way the footing was good, rest of it rather soft and difficult. H.C.P. returned from tramp beyond Cape Dudley Digges and reported our shore cache all right, which relieves my mind greatly.

Frauder came back overland from [30] Petouvik Glacier saying that Norman and Taylor had left him with the declared intention of crossing the land to Umanak. Foolish venture; late in starting, strange country, no food or drink, Taylor fairly well clothed but Norman's clothing poor and inadequate. They are liable to suffer before they reach either Umanak or the ship, if they do not lose their lives. — At 6:40 Taylor came in suffering from cold and fright saying that he had left Norman on the sea ice north of the up near the head of the gulch in distress with frozen face and nose and with pains in back and legs, unable to keep going more than a hundred yards at a time and then lying down to rest. H.C.P. started Ben off at once to Nor-

man's assistance, Ben know-ing (31)
ing the region well and being young,
active and keen eyed. Within ten
minutes six more were off on
the same errand: the chief with
a lantern and some of my whiskey,
Ralph and Frander with a kama-
tik, the mate with extra mittens
(H.C.P.'s & mine) ^{a rope} and my old parka,
Dr. Hunt with primus stove,
water kettle and tea, and Charlie.
Norman, Taylor and Frander ("old
Will") were together beside the Peto-
wik Glacier between 1 + 2 o'clock,
when Norman proposed walking
across country to Uruauak.
Frander declined, but Taylor did
not like to "take a dare" so he and
Norman started. They got across
the glacier to the land on the other

side, when Norman began [32] to complain of the cold. Then Taylor urged him to turn back. After a time they did so and were half way across the glacier at sunset. They got down into the little gulch on the south side of the glacier and started up over the mountain to come down through the big gulch. Norman was suffering severely and Taylor had to rub his arm to keep it from freezing. He (N.) could walk only a few yards without having to sit or lie down to rest. From Taylor's first account we supposed that he had left Norman headed down the big gulch, but H.C.P. learned at 8:10 that it was half way up the little gulch. This made matters much worse.

because the rescue party wld. [33]
hardly think of going over there to look
for him. By 8:15 Taylor and Mac-
Dougal were on their way out with a
lantern each to follow the rescue
party and lead them on to the other
gulch.

9:30 - No one back yet and no light
in sight across the ice. According to
Taylor's account it must have been a-
bout 5:15 when he left Norman and
hastened for the ship and help, Nor-
man saying "tell some one to bring me a biscuit."
man urging him to go, The poor
man has already been over four hours a-
lone in the terrible cold. It is hard to
be sitting here unable to do anything
to help, and the captain's distress
of mind is evident. He came back
this afternoon with a big blister on his
foot & there seemed to be no need of his
going out with the rescue party.

10:130 - Charlie just came in [34] saying that the mate had found Norman a short distance ^{from the bay} up the big gulch, still alive. The mate sent Charlie back to tell the captain and me.

11:15 Kamatick arrived with Norman on it. Table had been set for luncheon for the rescuers but Dr. wanted to put Norman there, so we swept things off precipitously. They lugged Norman in, put him onto the table, cut and stripped off all his clothing and slapped and rubbed him with great vigor, bringing the color back to the surface before long, - about 20 minutes. He began to move his muscles himself and then Dr. covered him up with blankets and put hot plates all about him and used the "Welkom warmer" too.

It develops that the mate and 135

Frander found Norman up on the divide between the two gulches. They had gone almost as far as they dared, yelling as they went, when they heard a faint call and made out a dark object ^{rising from} ~~at~~ the snow. They hurried to it and found it to be Norman, who had seen or heard them and shouted as loudly as he could. He recognized them and tried to help himself as they dragged him along with one of his arms over a shoulder of each. A mile of this was all that the mate went on and found men could stand. Then they ^{were} ~~were~~ Dr. Hunt in the big gulch. ~~and~~ The two took turns with the mate ^{left of Frander} in backing Norman, now unconscious, to the cliff at the mouth of the gulch. There they lowered him by a rope

twenty-five

about ~~fifteen~~ feet to the bay ice, [36]
"just like a bale of hay" as Dr. Huxley
says. From the gulch they hurried
him to the ship on the little Kamatik,
being guided and cheered by the light of
the lantern on the ship's rail.

29 February. Tuesday.

Clear, cloudless, calm.

Temp. min -19°; 9a. -18°; noon -15° ^{2h. -10°}; 4p. -15° _{4h. -15°}

I turned in soon after 10 o'clock
this morning and was able to sleep, my
mind being easy regarding Norman.
Dr. put him into the mate's bunk
about 3 o'clock and then turned
in, leaving the mate on watch for
the rest of the night. Norman
wakened at 10:15 this morning,
rational in speech and recol-
lection of events up to the time
when the mate left him with Frander

the gulch
and came on down for Dr. Hunt. 137

He feels awfully sore, bruised and lame, but seems to have frozen only two or three toes on his left foot. How badly they are frozen remains to be determined. Norman's danger was his exhaustion from fatigue, hunger and the cold, the last would have finished him before long, had he not been found when he was. He realizes the close call that he had. About 12:40 he began to get up, and succeeded, in spite of his stiffness, but by 2 o'clock he was glad to lie down again. He frosted some fingers as well as the toes.

Out alone for 4-mile walk about head of bay. Freedom of ice of southern half of bay ^{from new snow} seems to indicate that the recent big storm was a north-

easter instead of being a south. [38]
easter as we supposed. Captain
Pickett, however, says that a north-
easter would have brought colder
weather than we had. But the snow shows
where the wind blew the hardest.

1 March. Wednesday.

Heavily overcast dull day. Thick
at midday. Light, powdery snow be-
gan to fall at 12:30, but not much
fell after all. Calm.

Temp. min -18°; 9a. -2°; noon +3°; 3p. -1°

Out alone for scant four mile walk
around head of bay, following beach
ridge from near cache to south coast.
Considerable sea weed of several kinds is
mingled with the gravel and pebbles of
the beach. Came back earlier than
I had intended to, the snow begin-
ning to fall and the weather so thick
that one could see scarcely a half mile

by the time I reached the ship. [39]

Pudtlak came in about 6 o'clock dragging behind him a seal that he had harpooned at a hole in the ice. We all are glad that the poor blind fellow was successful in his hunt. First seal of the season. Seal 75 lbs ±, hard work.

Am glad to write down a new month as beginning.

Inetliak brought over a bird-skin shirt for Captain Pickels it was glad to receive a blanched in exchange for it.

Norman's frost bites are not serious.

Chief put a stray potato into the stove. When it was roasted, Dr. Hunt ate it, thinking it was among the coal by accident, and pronounced it excellent - best he had had in more than 2 yrs.

2 March. Thursday. (40)

Heavily overcast. Thick. Lt. snow at times. Calm till evening, then began up from the southeast.

9 h. +20°

Temp. min. -2°; 9 a. +10°; noon +11°; 4 p. +14°

Pudtlak brought over a piece of his seal, which was appreciative in him, we all thought. Had it baked for dinner and it was excellent.

Was on board all day, except for a short walk of $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile on head of bay, alone. Our boys got two more hares, making 16 in all thus far, I believe.

3 March. Friday.

Heavily overcast morning, clearing toward sunset and thickening again in evening. Calm almost all day. Light breath from W. in morning. Warm breeze

from east (ice cap) at 4 p.m. (41)
Slight S.W. breeze at 5. Strong, warm
wind from ice cap (S.E.) in even-
ing. A strange day.

Temp. min. $+10^{\circ}$; 9 a. $+18^{\circ}$; noon,
 $+17^{\circ}$; 3:30 p. $+22^{\circ}$; 4 p. $+38^{\circ}$; 4:30 p., $+21^{\circ}$;
9 p.m. $+30^{\circ}$. Unusual variations.

Out alone for walk to snowdrift
glacier, a half mile out along the
southern shore and back to the
ship, - about 5 miles in all.

Too warm for my kamiks to be
really comfortable.

About 6 o'clock Sigdu ar-
rived from Umanak. Crossed sev-
eral leads en route. Has been de-
layed all this time by the open water
and thin ice. Ekblaw left U-
manak for Etah on the 20th

February. Sigdu brought the net-
sha wh. we've had had made for me.

4 March. Saturday Ic, 49° [42]

Shickly overcast. Light S.E. wind
then westerly and in p.m. S.E. or E. again.
Snow from midday on -

Temp. min +16°; 9a.+29°; noon^{+24°}; 4p.+24°

Disagreeable day, though warm.

Onboard all day except for walk
alone of $1\frac{1}{4}$ hr. on bay. Walking poor.

Worked on Martinique work for some
hours. Some of the boys went out
gunning, but soon came back,-
too thick and warm. Sigidu still here.

Pinochle as usual for an hour or so
after dinner, Dr. Hunt and Norman
against the mate and me.

Rabbit stew, bread, pilot bread, butter and
tea with milk & sugar for dinner.

5 March. Sunday.

Overcast a.m., beginning to clear in
middle of afternoon. Calm or light, vari-
able winds all day. Strong breeze blowing

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out of the fjord at 6 p.m.
Temp. min +5°; 9 a.m. +15°; noon +13°; 2 p.m. +12°; 3 p.m. +10°; 4 p.m. +15°
Out alone 11 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., going
around head of bay, out to little islet
and back, 7+ miles. Mostly good, hard
surface, but still much rather soft snow.
Sigdla started for Umanak at about
11 this morning via the overland route.

Bft. Fried ham and eggs, bread, butter
and coffee, same as every Sunday a.m.
since return from Cape York. H.C.P. had
retired the eggs during the last three months
of the C.L.E. men's stay on board. We
got no porridge or mush Sunday a.m.
Dinner. Canned roast mutton, dehydrated
potatoes & turnips, canned corn, bread,
butter, tea, rice pudding with prune-and-
molasses sauce.

Inetliak shortened the sleeves of my
new netsha and patched or sewed up some
holes in it to-day. Thorough job!

At 7:45 Ahugnoodablaas, Eging-[44]
alnaluungwah + Pingasut's
wah, Ahnlalundwah, his mother and
small brother and Erik came in.
They left Cape York about 8 o'clock
this morning, but had to make de-
tours on account of leads and
they met the heavy wind just below
Akpat. They brought meat for
Pudtlak. They have gotten 5 bears
since I was there, of wh Erik got 3.
They not back yet from Upernivik

6 March. Monday.

Clear, almost cloudless, calm
morning. Light westerly wind afternoon
Lowlying fog came in about 3 p.m.
Temp. min +8°; 9 a. +11°; 12 m. +7°; 3 p. +2½; 8 p. +1°
Dr. Hunt and I started for Cape Duley Degges to dig our boxes out of the
snow, but could not make it
on account of open lead 10-20 feet

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wide stretching southward from Point a mile east of cape. We went a hundred yards or so along the ice foot at the base of the cliff but gave it up as being too risky for the worth of it. Climbed up a few feet on the rocks and turned ourselves over a half hour before starting back. The rock is a beautifully banded, strongly contorted pink, white and black gneiss. Picked up Pudtlat a quarter an eighth of a mile east of our farthest where he was scrambling down the cliff from his rabbit snare and he walked back with us. At the mouth of the big gulch we found Egingwah's kammatik. St Peter was so glad to see us that Dr. Hunt freed the dog from his harness and he trotted back to the ship with us. Fine 9 mile tramp,

though the footing was soft and 146
fatiguing a good part of the way.

All the Cape York men were out
hunting to day but without success.
Taylor shot two seals in the lead
but could not get them and the
lead had closed over them before
the captain and others could get
back to the spot with him.

The Eskimos were in the cabin after
dinner and we had some sport
with the chief's electric current.

Roast polar bear meat for dinner.

Wld have been fine had it not been overdone.
The cook always or almost always spoils
his meat, but he bakes good bread and
good beans and makes oatmeal well.

7 March Tuesday.

Overcast and rather thick. Calm
or light air from the S or S.E. Windy
& snowy in the evening.

Temp. min - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ $^{\circ}$; 9a + 3 $^{\circ}$; 12m. + 4 $^{\circ}$; 4p. + 8 $^{\circ}$ [47]

Out alone along north shore to big
gulch and back through middle
of bay, 5+ miles. The Cape York
men, Ben and Taylor went out
to the lead for seals. Found lead
closed up or frozen over, so they
came back soon after noon. Nor-
man and Frauder went out to Cape
Dudley Digges overland from the
big gulch for the harpoon left
there a week ago. Twelve miles -
rather long for Norman's first
outing since his exhaustion.
They reported the lead open at the
cape. Dinner: seal + bear + corned beef

This is the chief's 42^d birthday.
He celebrated by drinking a bottle
of Peter's "Apfel most" and his last cigarette,
both of which he had been saving for
the event.

8 March. Wednesday.

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Overcast and thick. Could barely discern sun's position part of day only, moon dim in evening. Fresh breeze till afternoon from S.E. and then E. Calm late p.m.

Temp. min +1°; 9a. +2°; 12m. +4°; 7p.m. +1°; 4p.m. 0°

Spent much of day - aside from talking to - reading "T. Lembarou" for second time. Interested in the technique of a good, clear story, well told. Out alone for a walk of nearly an hour, 3-4 p.m., went over to shore cache and on land beyond igloo.

Rather disagreeable day.

Dinner: ^{soup,} overdone seal and bear meat, corned beef, bread, butter and tea with milk and sugar.

9 March Thursday.

Overcast and rather thick early am. but clearing overhead about 10 a.m. leaving heavy mist

on ice cap and mountains. (49)

Temp min -3°; 9a. +1°; 12m -3°; 3:40p. -4°

No wind at ship but apparently light N. breeze on cap. Three splendid parhelia around sun at eleven o'clock - one each side and one above sun, all convex toward his disc and strongly colored. Three inches soft new snow.

Cape York men and Ahnlad-lungwa left for C. Y. about 10:30, leaving Pingasut's mother and brother with Inetliak. If a wind should spring up, travel would be very disagreeable.

Some work on Martinique.

Out from 2 to 3:40 p.m. with Dr. H. G. and to ridge above drift glacier northeast of igloo - perhaps nearly four miles in all. Wind on ice cap seemed to be light from

the south but was westerly at ship (50)
after our return. Lowlying haze
over mountains and sea, a curious
day - Dr. Hunt says that he has seen
Dr. Hunt broached
many like it up here - case of grapejuice.

Dinner: mutton stew, baked seal,
bread, butter, pilot bread, canned peaches, tea.

10 March Friday

Overcast, thick. Lt. snow falling. Calm
Temp. min -15°; 9a +1°; 12m +4°; 4p. +3°

Fine granular snow fell all day, and
air was thick with haze. Occasional
light variable breeze in late afternoon.

Spent in more than three hours on
Martinique work, then went out
alone along middle of bay for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.
walk in spite of snow and thick
haze. Moon in first quarter vis.
ible through evening haze.
Troubled somewhat yesterday

and to-day with the feeling of op.¹⁵⁷
pression in upper part of my chest.

Dinner: macaroni soup, good, corn-
pilot bread,
ed beef, not good, bread, butter, tea.
Dr. H. listened to heart this evening and found no
change in its action, thinks now that the murmur
is muscular not valvular. Oppression prob. due to
faulty circulation and advises use of glorovin for it.
11 March. Saturday.

Cloudless blue sky in early morn-
ing, but began to cloud over about
10 o'clock and was wholly overcast
soon after noon. Rather thick evening
Calm. Ice ^{? 15 feet.} 49"

Temp min -13° ; 9a. -10° ; 12m -4° ; 2p. -2°

Out alone for trudge across
bay nearly to Cluett moorage.
Stopped by open lead, reaching
to the ice foot of the big cliffs.
Saw at least 2 seals on ice beside
the lead. Taylor who was out
there too, snapped his gun at one
but it contained no load and

the seal slipped off into the ⁽⁵²⁾
water before he could load.
Walking hard on account of soft
snow - covered about $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

Dinner: seal meat cooked the
best yet.

12 March. Sunday.

Early morning calm & snowing.

- 9a. Overcast and thick still snowing ^{from} ~~gently~~.
- 10a. S. wind rising. Very thick with driving
snow.

12m. Sun visible, but wind heavy and
^{still} snow driving thickly. Thick on ice cap.
Temp. min. -10° ; 9a. $+24^{\circ}$; 12m. $+20^{\circ}$; 4p. $+13^{\circ}$

Very disagreeable weather. Captain
Comer's igloo shows erosion effects
of the wind. Has endured weather
remarkably well.

1:45p. Nearly clear overhead but
very thick on ice cap and southern

mts and over southern part of bay. (53)

Wind seems now to come from N. or N.E.

A bad day to be out! On board all day.

Toward evening air became thicker and by evening 8 o'clock a heavy storm of wind was raging, coming in from the westward. The night is worse than the day -

Dinner: baked roast mutton (cooked too much as usual), turnip-and-potato, string beans, bread, butter, rice pudding with raisins, tea.

Breakfast: Fried bacon and eggs (1 apiece) baked beans, bread, butter, coffee -

13 March. Monday.

Heavy snow, southerly gale, regular blizzard in fact. Much worse than yesterday. As bad as 23 February.

Temp. min +9°; 9 a.m. +14½°; 12 m. +6°

Was +25° at 6 a.m.

On board all day, glad to have [54] the shelter of the cabin. Velocity of wind not less than 50 mi. per hour in the gusts, according to Captain Pickels.

He says that the wind is E. but it certainly comes athwart the vessel from S.

14 March. Tuesday.

Thinly overcast and somewhat hazy all day. Snow in evening. Calm or very light breeze.

Temp. min +1°; 9a. +4½°; 12m. +7°; 2p. +8°; 9p. +5°

Eight mile or less walk with Dr Hunt out to ice berg nearly as far as the black point. Half mile of hard work through knee deep and half knee deep snow. Old ice all gone off southern half of bay, but edge of old bay

ice still runs from near Clu-155
ett mooring to point a mile
east of Cape Dudley Digges.
Men were out and saw some
seals in the open water. They
shot three, but could not re-
trieve them - Useless slaughter!

15 March. Wednesday.

Another blizzard from the south-
east has raged today, with the air so full
of gale driven snow that one could not see
100 feet in any direction at times. Began
last night but not bad till after 10 a.m.

Temp. min $\pm 0^{\circ}$; 9a. $+13^{\circ}$; 12m $+22^{\circ}$; 4p. $+28^{\circ}$

On board all day and managed to
get in about 4 hours on Martinique
work. Conditions are extremely
unfavorable for doing any work
like that.

Bfkt. menu - oatmeal, milk, sugar, (56)
molasses, beans, bread, butter, coffee -

Dinner: pea soup, corned beef, biscuit,
bread, butter, turnip-and-potato, dried peaches,
pickles, ~~coffee~~ tea.

Evening - pinochle - Davis & Hunt against
Norman & me - 1 to 2; chess with Dr. Hunt.
He gives me his queen and then I can
win, if I am very careful. - occasionally

Storm ceased early in evening and
moon was out about 9 o'clock. Then began
to snow again.

16 March Thursday.

Overcast. Thick. Light feathering snow. ^{calm}

Temp. min $-2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9a. $+1^{\circ}$; 12m. $+3^{\circ}$; 6p. $+5^{\circ}$
Hazy evening but moon visible.

Seems as if edge of bay ice had re-
treated in yesterday's storm, but weather
and walking are so bad that we
can't go out to see.

Drift in front of bows is more [57] than 4 ft. high above ^{bottom of} the moat formed by the wind next ^t the ship's planking. Chief built and cut some ^{good} snow steps to take the place of the crude ones that we have been using to get off and onto the vessel. Mac Dougall is getting along only moderately, though he has felt better since he began sleeping in Dr. H.'s sleeping bag on the roof of the cabin. He suffered much intestinal pain this evening and Dr. gave him morphine. There is not much that can be done for the man, with the diet that is available on board.

Dinner: mutton stew, corn, biscuit, bread, butter, tea. Nodes sent on Thursday's now.

Economizing on matches too now
some hours on Martinique work.

17 March. Friday.

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Overcast, all a.m. Heavy S.E. Wind (7) till about noon with light snow and much driving snow
Very ^{+ thick} thick till after 11. Near shore hidden during gusts.

3 p.m. +1°; 5 p.m. -5°

Temp. min +1°; 8 a.m. 23°; 9 a.m. +18°; 11 a.m. +6°; 12 m. +8°

Quite blizzardy and bad all morning.

Rough weather all night.

Two or three days ago Norman trimmed the chief's beard as the latter wanted it, but the chief does not like the effect for it makes him look like a one-headed Jew. Dr. Hunt is having his hair cut short to-day. Norman is quite a barber, useful in the after cabin.

Wind moderated about noon and Dr. Hunt and I went out about 2 p.m. for a breath of fresh air. The "breath" was too strong for com. fort for him and he came back

on board after 20-30 minutes [59] of it, but I had on my nettshe as well as my bearskins so that I was comfortable in spite of the keen and increasing wind and the wind driven icy snow. After $1\frac{1}{4}$ hour I too had had enough. Although the sky was almost clear overhead the air was so full of driving snow that at times the vessel was completely hidden at $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away. I came on board as Charlie was coming aft and he surprised me by saying that both my cheeks were white. Surely enough a spot in each ^{had been} ~~was~~ frosted by the bitter wind. The snow ^{on the ice} is wet on the starboard quarter, the ice being bent by the weight of the banked up snow.

MacDougal had become well enough this afternoon to go to his dinner.

H.C.P. "found" two cases of peaches (60 to-day that he "did not know were there". Hence we had some at dinner. I wonder whether he will "find" anything more. - Heard him say too that there were more vegetables than he thought for "enough for four years", and Dr. Hunt and I think that there might be at the rate at which they are being used.

Exceptionally fine parhelia this evening at about 9 o'clock. There are very distinct in the first ring around the moon and the fourth would be there were it not that the ring is intersected by the surface of the bay ice. Outer ring gives hints of three more.

18 March. Saturday.

Lightly overcast and hazy

with scarcely perceptible SW wind. (61)

Temp. min -8°; 9a -3½°; 12m. -½°; 3p. -4°; 5:30 -7°

The men report the edge of bay ice as being inside, east of, the little islet. Evidently a big slice of the old ice was driven out by the recent heavy winds.

Taylor shot another seal and captain and several of crew spent much time trying to retrieve it from the water. They tried to cut off a cake of ice for use as a raft but were unsuccessful on account of water coming into their trench before they cut it deep enough for breaking off the rest of the way.

From 1 to 3:15 p.m. Dr. Hunt and I were out for a fine walk to the south branch of the Cluett Glacier, the tongue glacier and the snowdrift at the end of the nunatak. Found small clam shell closely related to the Venus of our coast.

6:25. Captain and mate have just

come in from their second trip after ⁶²
the seal, with Taylor. They succeeded
in hooking the jigger into the carcass,
but the young ice was too strong for
their line and it parted. They think
that they can secure ^{the seal} tomorrow.

19 March. Sunday.

Clear, beautiful day, thin ^{high cirro-} stratus clouds. Calm.

Temp. min. -9° ; 9a. $+1^{\circ}$; 12m. $+5^{\circ}$; 3p. $+5^{\circ}$; 5:30p. $+4^{\circ}$

Mate Davis and some of the men and Pudtlak went out this morning and brought in the seal. Pudtlak went out onto the new ice with a line around his body and harpooned the carcass. Then Taylor with the line around his body went out walking on two barrel staves and cut the ice away around the seal and the other men hauled it out and to the heavy ice and thence to the ship.

Great rejoicing, especially in ¹⁶³
the Eskimo family, who got the blub-
ber, entrails and forelegs with the
shoulder girdle.

Between noon and 2:40 Dr. Hunt and I
went out for a walk, going to the edge
of the old ice where the men secured the
seal. Walking good most of the way
and day beautiful and almost calm.
Found netsha too warm to wear going
out with the light breeze and took it
off. Put it on again, however, for
walking back against the light breeze.

Dinner menu: roast beef, potato-and-
turnip, bread, butter, rice with prunes, tea.
Breakfast; fried bacon and eggs, beans, bread ^{coffee}, tea.
Gorgeous sunset.

During our walk yesterday Dr. H.
spoke of fact that Captain Pickett
had invited him to stay on the ship

as long as he liked and go home over, [64]
although he (H.C.P.) said that the "Cluett"
was not obliged by the charter party to
feed the Crocker Land party on the home-
ward way. Dr. Hunt raised ^{with me} the
question whether this invitation did
not in itself constitute a violation
of the charter. It seems to me that
it does, since H.C.P. did not ask
me whether the Museum would be
willing to have the doctor on board
as the guest of the vessel. Perhaps
H.C.P. would take refuge behind my
assurance given on 5 November
that the Grenfell Asso. of Am. would
not call him to account for using
the ship's stores in feeding the Crocker
Land people, and therefore would
not think it necessary to speak to me
about this special invitation. Of

course I am glad to have him here and I think that the ship under the charter was called upon to feed us all during whole voyage, including any detour.

20 March. Monday.

Thinly overcast, high cirro-stratus clouds (C_2) Calm + light S. to S.W. breeze - Thickly overcast, hazy evening. Much wind last night till 4 a.m. Calm after that and 2-3" light, feathery snow fell before nine o'clock.

Temp. min. 0° ; 9a. $+2^{\circ}$; 12m. -2° ; 3p. -1°

Had been down to -4° betw. 12 & 3.

Mate Davis built a punt to-day out of new and box lumber. Will caulk and paint it tomorrow and then it will be available for use in getting next seal that is shot.

Captain P. brought up a fresh [66] lot of Green's Army and Navy Journal and Literary Digest, supplying us with a welcome lot of reading material, even though dated 1914 for the greater part. Mate Davis built a punt today out of new and box lumber. This will be caulked and painted tomorrow and then be available for retrieving the next seal that is shot. Wrenched my right leg or got a bad cramp in it as I started from cabin for a walk this afternoon. Walked a half hour, thinking to walk it off but was unsuccessful and leg is very painful this evening.

Snowing again at 9 o'clock.

Seal meat at dinner, excellent.

Pinochle 3 games; chess with Dr. Hunt 3 games; writing and reading.

21 March Tuesday.

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Thinly overcast with high cirro-stratus clouds, but thick low down with driving snow filling the air under a "moderate breeze" (No. 4) from the west.

Wind changed to S.E. in late a.m. and increased to 5 or 6. Afternoon was sunshiny but windy and snow drifited till evening when wind ceased.

Temp. min -4°; 9a. 0°; 12m. +1°; 3p. +2°
6p. +6°; 7p. +2°

Leg painful and lameness annoying. It was a cramp all right.

Mate Davis caulked and pitched the joints of the punt, put on sculling socket and painter and the "*Puisse tedixsua*" is ready for sea, though she probably will get a coat of paint before she goes into the water.

22 March. Wednesday.

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Beautiful, clear day, calm or with light air occasionally from S.E. Thin, high cirrus clouds at 9 a.m. but cloudless by 10 o'clock.

Temp. min. $-7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9 a. $+1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 12 m. $+3^{\circ}$; 4 p. $+2^{\circ}$

The "Puisse Tadixua" did not get a coat of paint, but the crew dragged her out to the edge of the old ice this morning and then over to the ice foot of the south shore. Young ice too thin to enable the men to get near the open lead to hunt for seals.

Lameness somewhat better this morning and I walked out to a bay a mile from the ship to limber up my leg. Walking is poor much of the way.

Some light still on western horizon at 9 p.

23 March. Thursday.

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Clear, cloudless and calm at 9 a.m., but strong breeze sprang up from some northerly direction about 10 o'clock. and blew for four hours.

After that light breeze blew out of bay - which I found rather keen on my way back from my hour and a quarter walk alone. The going was poor but I had to get some fresh air.

Therm. min -10° ; 9 a.m. 0° ; 12 m. $+9^{\circ}$; 4 p.m. $+6^{\circ}$
8:30 p.m. -4°

Much chess to-day, winning 2 out of 3 from Charlie and losing 2 handicapped games to Dr. Hunt. Some work on Martinique, but it is hard to do much that is worth while without ^{more} books and my collections. I lament the wasted year up here! Best to call the experience a "rest cure", I presume, and get what benefit I can out of it.

About 9 p.m. Ahngmalokto (70) arrived from Cape York alone. He had been delayed by open water off Parker Snow Point, been forced to go around outside of Conical Rock and then wait for leads to close before he could come in. He brought kamiks for the mate and one of the crew and bear skin pants for Taylor.

24 March. Friday

Clear and cloudless. Light S.W. breeze followed by calm. Light easterly wind at noon
Temp. min -8° ; 9 a + 5° ; 12 m. + $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 4 p. + 5°

Ahngmalokto, Prudtlak and Laylor have gone seal hunting and Ben and Ralph are out for hares. Pingasut's mother and brother are reported to have started on foot this morning for Umanak, car.

ryng sleeping bag and food. 171

They live there and seem to have worn out their welcome in this region.

Got in three or more hours good work on Martinique work, nearly everybody being out enjoying the beautiful day.

Was out for an hour or more with Dr. Hunt. Walking poor in middle of bay but good along south side.

The seal hunters got a seal - shot by Chugmalokto, retrieved in the "Prisse Tedixsa".

25 March. Saturday.

Thinly overcast but sunshiny.

Calm at 9 a.m. Light variable winds and calm afterwards. Ice, $50\frac{1}{2}$ "

Temp. min - $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9 a.m. $+2^{\circ}$; 12 m. $+10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 4 p.m. $+3^{\circ}$

Capt. Pickels caught a fox in Norman's trap, which he borrowed and set yesterday.

Skin is good, tho' hair is beginning (72) to come out and fur is becoming lighter in color. Getting late for fur taking. The seal hunting trio went out again today but were unsuccessful.

Out with Dr. Hunt around head of bay and over to snowdrift glacier on south shore - 6+ miles. The assemblage of great blocks fallen from ^{snow} the cornice of the glacier is larger and more confused than when I was over some weeks ago. Without seeing the ^{place} one could hardly believe that the blocks scattered over the ice could have come out so far from the glacier front. Most of them are very solid and firm. Some are 3 ft. cubes and larger.

Pinochle game ended in dispute over Norman's melding before declaring trump. Too much childishness in arctic temper!

26 March. Sunday.

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Overcast. Thick most of day. Sun
partly visible in mid afternoon. Heavy
breeze (5-6) from southeast all day
except calm from about 1 to 2^{1/2} p.m.
 $9a + 12^{\circ}$

Temp. min $+2^{\circ}$; 12 m. $+12^{\circ}$; 4 p. $+17\frac{1}{2}$

Too disagreeable for spending much
time outdoors. Had enough of it
between 2:30 and 3:40, when I was out
alone on the bay ice near shore north
of ship. Dr. Hunt had gotten all the
fresh air that he desired in less than a
half hour's work on his snow igloo,
which was somewhat damaged by
the heavy wind. Have spent day
mostly reading and resting. Mended
three rips in sleeping bag.

Had rabbit stew for dinner. The
crew have gotten 19 hares to date
and they have been very acceptable to all.

27 March. Monday.

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Overcast. Thick in morning but haze not so heavy in afternoon ^{Calm} or light variable wind - partly from W. Temp. min. +12°; 9a +15°; 12m. +18°; 4p. +17°

Ahngualokto started over the ice cap for Akpat on his way to Cape York.

About two good hours on Martinique work. Can really work on this to advantage only when the cabin is clear after breakfast for a little while.

Out alone, Dr. Hunt being asleep, for walk, going as far as the black point beyond the big gulch. 7 miles of hard work, much of the going being over half hard snow in drifts letting one sink at nearly every step above the ankle or half way to knee. Could see no leads in direction of Cape Dudley Digges. Noted for the

nth time that the ice bergs show 175
the sky-blue color much more strongly,
in diffused light than on a bright
sunshiny day.

28 March. Tuesday.

Thickly overcast and snowing at
9 a.m. and light South wind blowing.
Wind soon increased to strong
breeze (#5) from the east or south-
east. Snow ceased falling before noon
but air was filled with driving snow.
Very disagreeable.

Temp. min +10°; 9a. +17°; 12m. +16°; 3p. +14°
6p. +11°; 10p. +8°

Began on St. Vincent work, just a
year ago to-day I reached Kings-
town by the "Glen Nevis" from Castries.
Three hours on studying and index-
ing photos -

Out for a half hour or so alone -

29 March. Wednesday.

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Thin clouds - ^{high} cirro stratus - in early morning, clearing to cloudless about noon. Light N.E. breeze at 9 a.m., soon changing to E. or S.E. ^(?) and increasing to gusty, 3 to 5 in strength, making the day disagreeable for walking, in spite of its brilliancy and the warmth of the direct rays of the sun.

Temp. min. +5°; 9 a. +5°; 12 m. +4°;
4 p. +3°; 7 p. +1½°

Two hours on St. Vincent work and then cabin filled up, and I soon got on my bearskin pants and netsha and went out for an hour and a half's walk around the head of the bay and along the south shore. Went alone, since Dr. Hunt did not care to walk in the wind.

Usual pinochle chess and reading after dinner, then I get my own

warm luncheon soon after 9 o' (77
clock - tonight's menu clam chowder
with addition of corn and milk, tea, figs.

Dinner menu: pea soup (good),
corned beef (too salt and hard to be
fit to eat, as usual), canned peas
(good), bread, butter, dehydrated potatoes,
tea.

Ben slid some hundreds (?) of feet down snow
slope on south shore, nipped his knicks but wasn't hurt.

30 March. Thursday.

Cloudless, beautiful day. Light
easterly breeze, with strong puffs and
calm. As usual, wind varies in
different parts of the bay.

Temp. min. -1° ; 9a. $+3^{\circ}$; 12m. $+7^{\circ}$; 4p. $+6^{\circ}$

Two + hours on St. Vincent.

Out with Dr. Hunt around head
of bay and along south shore to point
near islet. Ca. 8 miles. Enjoyable.

Wind rather keen northern half of bay -
^{morning stay at}
Dinner: Canned peaches for dessert!

31 March. Friday. 676

Another cloudless, brilliant day.
Calm or light variable wind.

Temp. min -8°; 9 a. +¹8°; 12 m. +6°; 3 p. +7°;
6 p. -2°; 8 p. -4°

Used last of sugar at breakfast.

Mate Davis put my snowshoes on
my feet for me today and I made
my first attempt at travel with
that kind of gear. Got along first
rate, much better than I expected to.
Got shoes to interfering a few times
but was not thrown down. Went
out alone to point this side of Cape
Dudley Digges, 4 + miles from ship,
where I was stopped by broad open lead.
Far enough anyhow, since it took
me more than four hours to walk out
and back. I presented a comical
sight, they "say, when I started.

Dr. Hunt tried to reach our
cache at Cape Dudley Digges but

was turned back by the same 177
lead.

Norman is trying to reconstruct
and finish the snow igloo that Dr.
Hunt began but abandoned on ac-
count of the stormy weather.

In March min. temp was not below zero on 14 days
and noon temp - " " " " " 28 "

1 April. Saturday.

Cloudless. Calm. Brilliant.

Temp. min. -10° ; 9a. $+4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 12m. $+6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 7:30p. $-7\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$
Charley was sent to "find the key of the kelson".

Eginnuah and Erik and their
wives, the baby and Tatiak arrived
from Cape York this morning, via
the ice cap from Sukken, where
they spent last night. Tatiak
arrived at Cape York from U-
pernivik on Wednesday, 29 March.,
having had seven sleeps on Mel-
ville Bay in crossing from Cape
Seddon. He must have left Cape

Seddon therefore on 22 March. He [78] left Upernivik on 14 February and was delayed in starting across the bay by the numerous storms that we had at the end of February & during March. An Eskimo accompanied him some marches out from Cape Seddon. There was much deep snow on Melville Bay, and some bad open leads in the ice were encountered as Cape York was approached. Tatiak saw four bears but could not go after them.

Tatiak brought me a letter from Green, to which was appended a note by Janquary. Conditions among the Danes are very adverse, food and trading material being scarce in supply and now being carefully conserved through

fear of shortage next year (99
on account of the war. Almost
nothing could be spared to send us.
Green and Peter reached Upernivik
on 9 February, having hurried on
on account of the former's toothache.
January and Allen arrived there
on the 11th. Green wrote on the 13th,
and the party was going on the next
day, taking Harrigan as well as
Pingasut in it. Apparently, every-
body was well. They caught the south-
bound regular mail and saw
no reason why they themselves
should not reach Holstenborg
in time for the April steamer to
Denmark.

Erik got two white whales
this week (?) near Cape York. This
indicates much or some open

water in Melville Bay. He and his
Eskimos brought some of the
meat with them. It tastes much
like narwhal, but seems ~~somewhat~~
somewhat coarser in fiber. The skin
is decidedly white in color. It is
not quite as nutty in flavor as
narwhal skin, and the layer of
hard white fat is thinner in
proportion.

~~Photo'd~~ Satiak and his dogs. 44.5
gave me back 5 yds arnook cloth + pocket knife.

2 April. Sunday.

Cloudless, brilliant. Calm at
and before 9 a.m. Light breeze from
the ice cap at 10 o'clock and occasion-
ally afterward.

Temp. min. -11° ; 7 a. -3° ; 9 a. $+5\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 11 a. $+3^{\circ}$,
 $12 \text{ m. } +5^{\circ}$

The Eskimos started on for Umanak,
getting away from the ship about
half after ten. They were unable or
unwilling to take any of our stuff.

with them. Tatiak's dogs are 181
in bad shape, the other men have
their wives with them, they have
quite a load of meat and they
have to go over the ice cap. Took
photo - 44, ~~44~~^{44.6} of Erik and Ballina
and their team just before they started.

Two of the crew got to Cape Dunc-
ley Digges ^{overland} yesterday. They report our
care of pigs &c mashed up and car-
ried away, but the other things are
right, being in a better place. Dr.
Hunt went out with Erik and Ta-
tiak by kamatick but could
not find a place to cross the lead.

Had our last hen's eggs at breakfast.

3 April. Monday.

Another cloudless, brilliant, calm
day, with occasional light air from east.

Temp. min. -10° ; 9 a. $+5^{\circ}$; 11 a. $+2^{\circ}$; 12 m. $+4^{\circ}$
3 p. $+6^{\circ}$; 9 p. 0° (had been down to -2°)

Chief put brass patch over hole [82] in lower band. This band was put on a few days after Christmas.

Captain Pickels went overland from the big gulch to middle of Petouik Glacier. He reported feeling or hearing some shocks but saw no falling or freshly fallen bergs and thinks that the shocks were caused by strains due to heat from sun's rays. But may not the glacier be in motion even now?

Went out alone around head of bay to snowdrift glacier and directly back to ship - ca 5 miles. Fine walking in such beautiful weather.

Norman finished his igloo, but it is bowed out in the wall and looks weak.

Chief made rubber center and cut out cover for baseball and Norman wound and sewed it. a pretty good one.

4 April Tuesday.

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Still another clear, cloudless, calm day. Brilliant weather. Light air from N.W. on plateau.

Temp. min. -7° ; 9 a.m. $+3^{\circ}$; 12 m. $+4^{\circ}$; 4 p.m. $+3^{\circ}$; ^{7th} 5 p.m. $+5^{\circ}$. Discovered today that box was raising 9 a.m. Temperature reading 2° . Have gone back and subtracted that amount from each 9 a.m. reading for past five days.

Went out alone to and up the big gulch and to top of mountain, whence one obtains magnificent view of Petrowic Glacier, Wostenholme Island, Ice Cap. Many hood open leads are visible. Slopes of hard marble like snow hard to descend safely. Bent helped me down the last 20 ft to the bay ice.

Crew had their first game of baseball. Met quit pinochle game disgusted at the luck of himself and partner. Absurdly childish!

5 April. Wednesday.

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Clear, cloudless, calm. Light N or.

N.W. air on plateau and occasional
light draft out of the bay. betw. 1+5 a.m.

Strong wind
Temp. min. -11° ; 9 a. -1° ; 12 m. $+5^{\circ}$; 2 p. $+10^{\circ}$;

Out alone to point near Cape Dudley Digges.

Collected specimens from big diabase dike
and intersecting light gray dike at the big
gulch. Met Dr. Hunt at the point and
we walked back together. He had been at
the cache and moved the barrel, kegs
and boxes farther up on the rocks after dig-
ging them out of the ice and snow that
had gathered on and around them.

Some of the ball players, especially Nor-
man and the chief, are lame today, but
all are at it again this evening, except the
chief. Inetliak and the children
are much interested in the game.

Poor Pudtlak can't see well enough
to enjoy it.

fresh, green grass is now growing ^{above 85°}
the black rocks at the gutch. Spring
is coming!

6 April. Thursday.

High cirrostratus clouds and much
driving snow in air at 9 a.m. High (No 4)
N.E. breeze, which began before mid-night
and lasted till about 2 p.m. After
that clear and nearly cloudless and calm.

Temp. min -8°; 9a. -5°; 12m. - $\frac{1}{2}$ °; 2:30 +6°; 4p. 0°
^{1030-8°}

Out alone after 2 p.m., to cliff front
of Corner Glacier. Cornice of snow
beautiful. Hundreds of icicles hang
from projecting layers of ice. Some
chunks of ice have fallen from front
during the winter.

Lighter now at midnight than it
was at noon at winter solstice time.

Norman's snow igloo collapsed to-day

7 April. Friday.

(86)

Clear, cloudless, calm.

Temp. min -13 $\frac{1}{2}$ $^{\circ}$; 9a -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $^{\circ}$; 12m. +4 $^{\circ}$; 4p. 0 $^{\circ}$; 7p. -4 $^{\circ}$

Kolatingwa arrived this morning from Umanak ^{cove} via sea ice to this side of the Petowik Glacier and hence overland. He has lived this year at Netshaloorni. Is on his way to Cape York to hunt bear. Needs some pants. He says that Mac started for Ellesmere Island with five Eskimo men. Erik was still at Etah as last accounts. Captain Corner shot a ^{small} 2 yr. old bear on the meat cache near the house at Umanak.

I went out alone for 5 mi. walk on the bay this afternoon. On my way back encountered keen out blowing breeze & was glad of my full suit of skin clothing.

Early this evening Egingwa and Erik and their wives and the baby arr. from Umanak. Brought letters from

Captain Comer and one to Dr. St. 187
from Mac. which was dated 17 Jan.

Captain Comer went out to read the
thermometer, spied the bear on the cache
and rushed back into the house for rifle.

No more coal at Umanak. Heating with
primus stoves. Hendrik brought some
boxes as far as Cape Dudley Digges and took
some back from the cache there. Was to
come here for coal, but could not on ac-
count of the big open lead just this side of D. D.

Kolitingwa is one of the ablest of the
natives. He speaks a few words of English.
He was one of Dr. Cook's men and
is one of that man's few friends among
the Eskimos. Went as far as Cape Thome
Hubbard with Cook as a supporting party
and then turned back. The next year he
took Cook across Melville Bay and to
sak, whence Cook went by boat to upermiuk.
Upermiuk. K. has a wife ~~&~~ five children
and is a grandfather. He has lost
one child. He is unusually thrifty.

8 April. Saturday - Ice, 54° + 188

High, thin cirro-stratus clouds. Rather strong (No. 3) breeze from E., disagreeable more or less hazy & windy all day
Temp. min. -8 $\frac{1}{2}$; 9a., -4°; 12m. -4°; 4p. -3°; 8p. -9°

In spite of the disagreeable weather, the three Karmatiks started for Cape York over the sea ice about 11 o'clock. Since they have not returned at 12:30, it is probable that they got past Parker Snow Point all right.

Gave Inetliak box of talcum powder for the expected baby. She was much pleased. The Eskimos like powder and perfume and scented soap.

Out alone for three mile or more around head of bay. Windy and cold.
Wore Koolekah as well as bear skins. ($1\frac{1}{2}$ hr.)

9 April Sunday -

Clear, cloudless & nearly so, calm

and occasional light air from E. or S.E. [89]

Temp. min -14°; 9a. -4°; 12m. 0°; 2:30, 0°; 5p. -3°

Out to Cape Dudley Digges with Dr. Hunt,
except last half mile with Frazer and
Pudlak over glassy black ice ending
with about 200 yards over rough white
ice. The black ice seemed very ticklish
at first and it did bend under us
sometimes, but it was hard and 5 or 6
inches thick, hence safe enough.

Dotted with clusters of beautiful platy
crystals of ^{salt} frost. Brought back some
of the things (malted milk, soup, tobacco etc.)
from the box which Hendrik brought down
from Umanak on Friday. Captain
Pickels, Ben and Taylor (?) went out too.

Crossed the black ice with Dr. Hunt and Ben
but then dropped behind, not caring to
walk as far as they did even with their dogs.

A good ten miles, with some bad foot-
ing in softish snow.

H.C.P. gave a characteristic (90) exhibition of his temper or disposition at the Cape Cache. The box from Umanak contained some Magic yeast cakes which Dr. Hunt, handing a package to the captain, said that Ek had sent down for the cook. "What damnvuse are they?" blurted the captain. Dr. H. replied that the cook had told Ek that he (cook) needed them. "What the hell does he know about it? We've got lots of 'em", snapped H.C.P. and impatiently tore the cakes out of the tin box and threw them out onto the ice. "For Christ's sake don't do that," said Dr. H., "Don't throw good stuff away. We need them, if you don't." H.C.P. then sent Ben down onto the ice to pick

up the cakes. Nice way to re-¹⁹¹ceive and acknowledge a courtesy that had cost us some trouble! No thanks, - nothing but abuse; and no apology!

Kashingwa arrived at the igloo this evening. Lives this winter at Kitek

10 April. Monday.

Clear, cloudless. Light N.E. breeze at 9 a.m., increasing to heavy wind by 11 o'clock. Keen and disagreeable. with lower air filled with driving snow.
Temp. min. -20° ; 9 a. -3° ; 12 m. -5° ; 4 p. -14° ; 7 p. -11°

Kashingwa came over to get Dr. Hunt to treat his left forefinger which had become infected through a cut. The finger was much swollen and very painful. Dr. cocainized and lanced it.

The man had tried to lance it himself, but without much success, so he came down here all the way from Kitek to the S.

Wind increased to gale (7 to 8) after (92 noon. Air full of driving snow. Cold and disagreeable. Staid on board all day. Much chess with Dr. H. and Charlie. Win one game in three, usually. Norman is suffering badly from rheumatism in the leg that was frost bitten on 29 Feb.

11 April. Tuesday.

Clear, cloudless. Calm until evening, then came some N. wind.
Temp. min. -17°; 9a. 0°; 10a -2°; 12m. 0°; 4p. -4; 9p. -8°

The gale was not from right direction to break up the ice near Cape Dudley. Digges and I had a fine walk out there and back, alone, except for ride of about a half mile with Pudlak and Jutliak on Kashinwa's kamik and back for about a half

mile from the cape with Pudlak [93] across the glaze ice. That was fine! He stopped near the black point to go up to his traps, where he was to meet metlak,
^(w. shotgun) and I walked on in. Ben shot a fine almost black fox today at the cape. My walk was a good 9 miles. Saw ivory gull (or falcon?) ^{Frander saw it} Saturday.

12 April Wednesday.

Clear, cloudless, calm. A brilliant day. Temp^s min. -12°; 9a. -3°; 12 m. +3° 4 p. -3°; 8 p. -12°.

Out with Dr. Hunt across big glacier (which had better have the name George B. Cluett Glacier instead of the other one) to the large moat-like valley at its south side.

Interested in the moraines of gray gneiss, silt in large quantity in the débris piles at terminal edge of ice above. Saw no erratics except

those of gneiss. Considerable rose 194
quartz in small stringers and pieces.

One area of hard snow 30x4 yds square
shows beautiful wind ripple marks
as sharp as those common in sand.

Moat shows vertical wall of stratified
ice facing the mountain side, effect
of wind against the mountain. A few
fragments of rock have bounded down
the mountain slope and become im-
bedded in the face of ice. Slid down
two snow slopes. Older snow looks
and feels like marble and is danger-
ous on a slope. Had to turn back for
 $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ mile on account of steep hard
snow slope 10 or 12 feet high which we
did not care to slide down on account
of rocks at the bottom.

Sit wet with
melting snow
in one little spot.

H.C.P. gave Inetliak his bath
robe this morning. She was much pleas-
ed of course but looked funny enough in it.

13 April. Thursday. 195

Clear, cloudless, calm.

Temp. min -17°; 9a. -1°; 12m. 0°; 2p. +2°; 9p. -12°

Pudtlak and family left at 12:40
to-day with their morsables packed into
two kamatiks, one being Pudtlak's
which the crew have been using for ice
etc and the other Kashinqua's. Ka-
shinqua let Pudtlak take five of
¹² his dogs and P. added three of the
four seven months old puppies to
make up a team. It was an odd
team all right and the puppies
made a great fuss at starting. They
wanted to stay at the ship, but the whip
and the other dogs finally persuad-
ed them to go on, and the outfit disap-
peared in the distance. The other puppy
was left behind; it is Alakutsiak's.

Photos. 46-1, 8:04 Packing kamatiks
beside the meat cairn on shore.

46-2, 8-04. Kassingwa the igloo with 96
Pudtlak, Inetliak and the children
standing at the entrance.

46-3, 8-02. Kassingwa starting
from the edge of the ice foot.

46-4, 8-02. The two kamatiks start-
ing from beside the ship at 12:40.

Inetliak gave me a little stone
dish "from Merku". I got Pudt-
lak's old ivory (walrus?) ~~seal~~ ~~tooth~~
or harpoon stock in exchange for
about a pound of tobacco. It is a
very old one and will make a good
companion specimen to the bone
and ivory harpoon that Ekblaw got.
The kamatiks were heavily loaded but
the motley assemblage of things ^{would have} looked
meagre beside what an American
family of five would have on moving.
Some things were left behind, but Ala-

Kutsiako is coming down soon. [97] Inetliak is going to be confined at Kiakk. Kashinua's wife is Pudtlaki's sister. We shall miss the family and I am sorry to have them go, but there will be less drain on the ship's [Ootah told us here when here that food supply. ^{they are in his igloo at Keatek}]

Mate started and nearly finished a sledge to take the place of Pudtlaki's, using one of the plank that I brought up and a board from the after house.

Three mile walk alone on bay.

14 April. Friday.

Clear, cloudless, calm except for very light N. wind drawing across ship at 9 a.m.

Temp. min. -19° ; 12 m. 0° ; 3:30 p. -2° ; 9 h. -12°

Mate finished his kamatic and the crew brought in first load of ice in it this morning. Pretty good sledge though

Out with Dr. Hunt for 8-mile | 98
walk around head of bay and along
south shore nearly to islet and back.

Superb weather and good walking. He
thinks that ^{perhaps} I had better go home on
the "Chitt", if the new steamer
does not arrive before the schooner
breaks out of the ice and if there
seems to be ground for fear that a
second relief ship will not come.

We are in a serious quandary. There
is no doubt in my mind that a
second vessel will be sent up this
summer, if my message gets
through to the museum - and that
is sure to go through unless Den-
mark is now in the war and the
"Hans Egede" does not come to Hol-
stensborg this month. What is
best to be done, I wonder?

15 April Saturday.

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Clear; cloudless till late a.m. &
then C 1; Calm, W. lat 9° + S.E. 1 in p.m.
 $8^{\circ} - 4^{\circ}$
Temp. min. $-17\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9 a.m., 0° ; 12 m. $+3^{\circ}$; 3 p.m. $+7^{\circ}$

At 10:45 Dr. Hunt and Mate
on
Davis started up mt. wh. Mr. McBlaw
and Capt. Pickels placed a cairn ~~in~~^{on} 12°
February and wh. Dr. H. and I climbed
on 27 February. Then I estimated
the elevation at 2500 feet, but was
greeted with so much scorn ^{advance} that
when the others made their guesses
to-day at H.C.P. 1200', Dr. H. 1175',
Mate 1250', Norman 1500', chief 1100,
I got cold feet and reduced my
guess to 2000'. Dr. took my Mu-
serum aneroid with him to-day
while I kept half hourly tabs on the
ship's aneroid. The two men re-
turned at 2:25 and Dr. Hunt's

record showed that my aneroid 100
made the elevation to be 2300 feet ±.
They found it cold on the moun-
tain, with moderate but keen wind
from east. No open water or big leads
in sight.

I got in some time on St. Vincent's
~~work~~ while attending to the readings.
Also read "Deserted Village", "Elegy in
Country Churchyards" & "John Gilpin's Ride".
Went out for about a half hour just
before dinner. Magnificent evening,
strong twilight and moon nearly full.

16 April. Sunday.

Clear, high thin cirro stratus clouds
more or less all day, lt. S.E. wind at 9 a.m.
changing to s.w. before noon.

Temp. min -7°; 9a. -2°; 12m. +1°; 2:30p. +1°; 7p. -5°

About noon Dr. Hunt photoid

me beside ice cake near ship (101)

46, 5-8, 04. Full costume for cold weather walking (calm) - woolen cap, netsha, sealskin mittens, bearskin pants, kamiks. Now when moderate breeze is blowing I put netsha hood over my head and the cap on top of that to protect my forehead.

46, 6-8, 04 Full costume for cold weather sledging - koolieah, bearskin mittens, bearskin pants, mansaks, kamikpaks of deerskin (covering ordinary kamiks). Did not hold my fox tail face protector or carry ^{my} deerskin muff, both of which were provided for use against the cold wind that might have been encountered on Melville Bay.

Out to big gulch and back alone - ^{4 mi.}

The southwest wind was keen tho' light. Capt. P. had his beard shaved off today.

17 April. Monday.

102

Overcast all day - thinly so with abundant cirro stratus clouds at mid day - light to moderate S.E. breeze.

^{fine}
Light snow or frost falling all day.

Temp. min -10°; 9a. +7°; 12m. +12°; 12:30 +14°
8p. +1°.

Did not sleep well last night or night before - Too much thinking. Better perhaps to be an Eskimo in attitude of mind - nothing seems to bother one of the natives.

Out with chief as far as the big gash and back, 4 miles. Light is really more trying to the eyes ~~than~~^{on} these frosty-air'd, hazy days than on a bright, clear day. He says that H.C.P. wonders what I am talking about when I am walking with one of the officers or conversing with one of the crew. He (H.C.P.) seems to think that I am trying

to "get something" on him, but that (103)
is entirely foreign to my wishes.

18 April. Tuesday.

At 9 a.m., ^{nearly} clear overhead but hazy lower down, air being full of icy snow driving before a "moderate" (4 or 5) Easterly breeze which seemed pretty strong to a landlubber.

Wind became more northerly and colder in the afternoon. Some light frosty snow in air.

Temp. min -7°; 9 a.-4°; 12 m -1°; 1:30 p. 0°; 8:30 p. -4°

Too much wind for comfortable walking, hence staid on board all day.

Went down into forecastle and contradicted flatly a story which I heard this a.m. ^{the crew were saying that} to the effect that I had held or turned back from Umanak tobacco which Mac Millan sent down to the ship. Small things loom large in the Arctic and troublesome rumors start on little or no foundation. The

crew are much disturbed over the [104] impending tobacco famine. Dr. Hunt told the chief last Thursday that we should not be blamed if we considered it necessary to conserve our tobacco for our own needs, because the captain can get plenty from Peter in exchange for some of the foxskins which he (H.C.P.) has gotten in trade for his own tobacco and other things. But no one of us has yet refused to let H.C.P. have tobacco -

About 9 p.m. Kolutingwa arrived from Cape York, where he got a polar bear which he brought with him.

Average temp. Oct.-day, +20° F.

Nov. mins $-2\frac{2}{3}^{\circ}$ ⁺¹; noons $+4\frac{2}{3}^{\circ}$; Dec. mins -6.15 ^{-3\frac{1}{2}} noons -8.2
Jan. mins ⁻¹³ ⁽²⁰⁾ noons -8.8° ; Feb. mins -18.2 ⁻¹⁷ noons -15.9
March mins -1.8° ^{+3\frac{1}{2}}, noons $+8.8^{\circ}$; Apr. mins -6.27 ⁺¹ noons $+8$

19 April. Wednesday

Clear, cloudless, calm. Not so bri-

biant, however, as it is sometimes. L105

Temp. min. -12°; 9a. +4° ; 12m. ; 3:15 p. 9°

3:45 p. +7°; 6 p. +5°

Out with Dr. Hunt to cache at Cape Dudley Dragges. Sat on rocks for an hour and more waiting for Kolu-tinqua. Keen, moderate W. breeze blew occasionally, making exposed places cold. Warm in sun. Thin snow on black rocks melting under direct rays of sun -

At 1:40 p. started back alone and met Kolu-tinqua near the black point. His kama-tik was heavily loaded with bear meat and skin, boards from his old igloo at Akpat and a new one from the ship and sundries, but he had ten good dogs and was moving along. He stopped to speak with me, shake hands and say "Good bye," in English. Dr Hunt followed me in and reported that K. had taken on a barrel of flour at the cache - At 9 p. sunlight still touching tops southern mts.

20 April. Thursday.

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Clear & cloudless; light, variable wind mostly from west. Occasional keen strong puff. Temp. min. -14° ; 9 a. +8 $^{\circ}$; 12 m. +11 $^{\circ}$; 4 p. +5 $^{\circ}$; 8 p. 0 $^{\circ}$; 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, -4 $^{\circ}$

A lovely day and I went to top of crag abreast of schooner to get its altitude by aneroid. Average of up and down readings 797.5 feet, hence call the value 800 feet. Trip of about three miles between 2:15 and 4 p. m., alone. Beautiful view, horizon being clear. I could see nothing but ice as far as I could judge. Taylor of crew says he discerned open lead outside of Conical Rock. Saw rabbit tracks. Met Frander on the plateau.

Dr. Hunt got a piece of white-whale skin from Kolutingwa. We had some this evening, frozen and boiled. I ^{and baked} preferred the frozen. Had polar bear meat, boiled, ^{and baked} for dinner. Very good, not being cooked over much.

21 April Friday.

107

Overcast with cirro cumulus clouds at 9 a.m. but cleared off almost entirely before noon. Calm, & slight variable wind.

Temp. min -12° ; 9 a. + 5° ; 12 m. + 10° ;

2 p. + 11° ; 4 p. + 10° ; 8 p. + 2.5°

Some St. Vincent work under adverse circumstances &c company in cabin.

Out alone for an hour and a half around head of bay - about 4 mi.

This evening Dr. Hunt gave up and turned in with the stomach ache, - apparently too much white-whale skin.

Dosed up with peppermint by H.C.P.

Norman continues to have great trouble with stiffness, swelling and pain in one leg, but not the one that got frosted. Dr. says that perhaps it is phlebitis - H.C.P. is sure that it is rheumatism.

I wonder whether it may not be scurvy.

Sunsets on eastern and southern mountains after 9 p.m. Hazy at 9:30

22 April. Saturday.

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Clear, cloudless most of day, calm.

Temp. min $+1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9 a. $+16^{\circ}$; 12 m. $+18^{\circ}$; 4 p. $+16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 6 p. $+6\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$

Took Mac Davis for ~~seven~~^{eight}-mile walk across both glaciers and onto the former nunatak, photographing and taking altitudes. At 11:15 a. sea level, aneroid 110',

foot of big ("Cluett") glacier 11:45, 310' = 200'; first crest of glacier 12:10, 860' = 750'; second crest (Hunt's station?) 12:45, 1010' = 900'; level with bottom of moat 1:05 p., 1240' = 1130'; saddle leading to Cairn Mt. 1:25 p., 1680' = 1570';

East nose of former nunatak, 2:25 p. 540' = 430';
top of " " 2:40 p. 660' = 550';
base of " " 3 p. 190' = 80';
sea level 3:23 p. 110'

47-1-8-02 Fumaroles and ridges in upper surface of glacier at crest as seen from ship, which is 900 ft. A.T. by aneroid. 12:45 p.m.

These are longitudinal with reference to glacier and are probably a result of wind action.

47, 2; 8, 04. Moat between first eastern

lateral mountain and the glacier.

Southern side of glacier.

Produced by wind caroming from moun-

tain during snow storms or melt off
deposition. Taken from glacier at
bottom of
1130 feet A.T. on level with upper portion
of moat.

Ahngnoodablahe, Egingwah and
Erik arrived about 4:30 p.m., hav-
ing come up to take Pudtak and
family northward. Twelve bears
have been gotten this winter in
hunting from Cape York.

Cook's name for the old man
is "Old Blowhole".

Dr. Hunt examined my heart this
evening. Same as at first he says, with accentua-
tion of systole and muscular murmur.
23 April Easter Sunday. says I must
avoid exposure
to high wind

Clear and cloudless; calm with oc-
casional puffs light wind blowing out to sea.

Temp. min. +2°; 9a +18°; 12m +18°; 6p. +15½°.

The three Cape York men started about
10 a.m. for Umanak with Dr. Hunt's
baggage and took on the supplies at

Cape Dudley Digges except a keg of molasses and two tins of butter. Dr. Hunt and I started out about 9:45 and walked as far as the big gulch before the kamataks overtook us. Then he jumped onto Ahnuqno dabbalo's kamatak and went on his way to Umanak and I was awfully sorry to have to say good-bye to him. I walked on alone as far as Broken Rock Point and then back to the ship - 7 miles. About 2:30 p.m. Kudlukta and Bradlunah arrived from Umanak bringing meat and letters from Ekblaw. They met Dr. Hunt at or near the cape. Kudlukta speaks a little English. They came for the supplies and will take coal back. They have fine teams of 17 & 14 dogs. Excitement was not over, for about 5:30 we saw three kamatiks approaching from Cape York. Jumped to the conclusion that it was Peter and the two

Eskimos from the southbound party. [111]
So I started out to meet them and the
chief ran out and overtook me, and we
intercepted the first two kamiks near
our ice-supply berg. But it was not Peter.
It was ^(Itukasuk) ~~Isuotok~~^{Metik} and Nitte from Cape
Seddon and Ahngualokto with his wife
and three children from Cape York on their
way to Umanak to trade. Inuotok (Ituk-
asuk) got a bear on the way across Melville
Bay. A long journey for trading! There are
about 70 dogs on the ice beside the ship.
Number of narwhal tusks, one at least 8 ft long.

24 April. Monday.

Clear and cloudless. Calm, or light
variable wind - E. at 9; W. at 10 &c.

8p.m. +16°

Temp. min. +10°; 9a. +18°; 12 m. +20°; 3p. +24°

The rowboat was put out onto the ice,
the main hatch was opened and fourteen

bags of coal were hoisted out and L112 turned over to the men to take to Uuna-nak. Kudluktu took 8 and Puaalluna 6, the former took ^{also} a box containing evaporated milk and the griddle iron, so that both kamatiks were well loaded, getting under way about 11:30 a.m.

47-3; 8.04. Kudluktu's kamatik and dogs about ready to start.

About 11:15 the crew began cutting out the ice around the rudder. This will be quite a job and it must be done before there is any danger of movement of the vessel or the surrounding ice, and before the coal can be put ashore -

About 11:30 I started out to photograph the big Bird cliff. In a few minutes Puaalluna overtook me. He moved forward on his kamatik to make room

for me, so I jumped aboard and 113
rode out to the cache at Cape Dudley Digges.
As far out as the gulch there was considerable
rather soft snow, but I enjoyed the ride, es-
pecially after we reached the smooth new
ice a mile this side of the Cape - Some nar-
row open leads at the cape show that the
ice is sure to go out with the next S.E. gale,
especially if it comes with the high tides.
Itkassuk (Inuotok) and Nitte went on
in company with the expedition's men.
I started back bravely with my 20+ lb.
load of melted milk and did not stop
to rest until after reaching the odd rough
ice. After that stops became more fre-
quent and my load became so heavy that
I was glad enough to hand it over to
Taylor who came out from the schooner
and met me 150-200 yards from my
destination. My work was unnecessary

became Ahngmalokto would have ¹¹⁴
been glad to take me out and back, but
I did not think of asking him to do it!

47.4; 8.04 Pinnacle of Bird Cliff west
of the gulch. Should show sea-grotto ele-
vated about 60 feet above the sea.

47.5; 8-02. Grounded ice berg and
its ice foot.

Bear steak fried just right with onion
gravy for breakfast and good baked
seal for dinner make the day mem-
orable in the food line. We now
have two seals and a quarter of bear

25 April Tuesday.

Clear and cloudless, but windy -
light to strong from E.S.E or S.E.

6 h. +15°

Temp. min +3°; 9 a. +24°; 12 m. +23°; max +30°.

Crew continued work on ice about
rudder. They found the ice to be not
more than three feet thick and then-

fore broke through it unexpectedly. [115]
The hole of course immediately filled with
water, which hindered work and made
it very uncomfortable, though Ben
did not seem to mind sitting on a
flank with his legs immersed nearly
up to his knees in the icy liquid.

47-6. 8-02 Crew at work cutting out
ice about the rudder -

So windy that I staid onboard -
Charley under Captain Pickels's
direction took all packages and
goods out of the lazarette and began
scrapping off and removing the frost-
accumulations of the winter. H.C.P.'s
charts have not been improved by
staying in there. Expedition records
and films were at once put down
into the sun, also the narwhal traps (3).

About 5:30 p.m. Mene and Ahng

Nodablaho arr. from Umanak 116
having left there at 11 this morning -
Leads opening off end of Petowik glacier.
Men brought down two small boxes
netting nine pounds of tobacco, but
it is Battle Ax and Norman and
the chief are greatly disappointed.
Norman has been extremely insulting
in his remarks about it and about
my fancied connection with the
transaction, Norman saying that
I had hindered its coming down,
whereas the contrary is true. He is
a regular trouble maker and seems
to think that everybody is trying to "do"
him - Tobacco sold to Captain Pickels
for \$3¹⁵ & credited to Etc. Exped. account.

Captain Pickels told me today that he
had supplies enough for the probable
remainder of the voyage, - among

other things 3 bbls of flour besides [117] that now open, 7 cases of six tins each of the canned fresh meat, plenty of salt beef and pork, at least half a cask of molasses besides the keg gotten from Ex fed. Biscuit are almost exhausted and beans are low, but there are plenty of peas. The barrel of corn meal gotten from me is all right.

Alingmalokto and Aiona (his wife) and children returned to Cape York this morning.

26 April. Wednesday.

Clear, cloudless a.m. + cirrostratus p.m.

Light E. wind at 9 a. afterword calm + visible.

Temp. min $+5^{\circ}$; 9 a. $+17^{\circ}$; 12 m. $+18^{\circ}$; max $+33^{\circ}$; 4 h. $+15^{\circ}$
8 h. $+6^{\circ}$

Ahngwodablaho left early for Cape York - the old man is certainly energetic!

Mene got away at 11 o'clock with kamik
 $100 \text{ lbs} \pm 6$
grass, a box of corn meal, and gallon of vinegar from ship. I rode out to Cape Dudley Digges with him and he took thence

the last of the supplies there - a keg of 118
molasses, 2 tins butter, case of canned peas
and some small boxes of yeast cakes. Was
glad to see the last of that stuff go.
Returned overland from the cache as far
the Big Gulch and thence on bay. A
beautiful walk it was over the hills,
but rather hard and fatiguing. I
could make out no open leads. Petouvik
glacier presented a fine sight with its light
blue edge and top. It seems to me that
the glacier does not project into the
sea more than two miles from the head
land on its southern side, but Captain
Pickett estimates the distance at 3 miles.

Crew removed banking from
southern side of vessel to-day but
did not finish cutting out the mud-
cler. They complain of having to
work on short rations.

Eginguah + Erik arrived at 9:15 p.m.
from Umanak

These confirmed the truth of the rumor¹¹⁹ that Alakotiaq [not Alakutsiaq as Peter calls it] has gotten married. The boy has gotten a walrus so that he is in comfort on his honeymoon. Living at Karsnah, I understand.

27 April Thursday.

Clear overhead but lower in thick with driving snow. S.E. wind began to blow heavily about 4 a.m. and was about 4 of Beaufort scale at 9 a.m. according to H.C.P. To the landsman the wind seemed stronger than a "moderate breeze". Wind decreased in afternoon & there were some high cirro-stratus clouds in the sky. Overcast & rather thick at 4 o'clock. Temp. min. +2; 9 a. +4°; 12 m. +6½; 4 h +9°; 6 h +9°

On board on account of wind till after dinner, then went out for an hour (3 mi) around head of bay, the wind

having practically ceased. But (120)
it was thick and "murky overhead" and
rather damp and chilly, with temp +9°
Seven of the crew with Egingwah and
Erik were playing scrub base ball
on the ice. The Eskimos throw like a
woman and don't get a clear idea
of the game, but they seem to enjoy
playing and they are lots of fun. De-
pression settles over the ship on a
day like this and all troubles are
magnified. Egingwah and Erik brought
a fine young seal to us yesterday,
so that now we have three seal car-
casses hanging in the main rigging.
Hence the captain is saving his beans
and giving us Nanuk steak for bfr.
and frisse for dinner - and some
of the crew kick because the beans are
cut out. The forecastle crowd like

Their meat more than well done, while ^{1/21} the mate, chief and I like it rare or me-
dium, which is another source of dif-
ficulty and the fore peak usually wins
out over the cabin, being on the spot
while the cooking is going on and
old Nathan being afraid that the stuff
will not be "done" in time. This evening
we had seal meat boiled to the after
cabin taste and it was fine. The
captain eats neither seal nor bear
meat, hence his breakfasts have
been pretty light this week -
H.C.P. is trying to catch a live fox now
to take home with him.

28 April Friday.

Overcast, thick. Wind (of 4 or 5) still
blowing, apparently from N.E. or N.-
E. St. snow falling & much drift in air.

Temp. min. +1°; 9 a.m. +13°; 12 m. +16°
4 p.m. +19°; 7:30 p.m. +19°.

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Captain reports quite a gale as blowing about 2 o'clock this morning.

Erik and then Egingwah started for Cape York between 10:15 and 10:30 in spite of the storm. They said that the wind would be at their backs, hence they must consider it to be from the north. Dog food is out and they are afraid that the leads will open up again.

Dismal day - Cabin company depressed. Regular blizzard raged all afternoon, though sun was trying to shine through the haze of drifting snow. By mid afternoon feather snow was falling and storm was bad. Wind S.E. at vessel.

29 April. Saturday.

Overcast and thick, though sun tried to shine through the haze about

midday. Blizzard continues ^{62°} to rage, there being no lessening in the force of the wind at 10:30 p.m. From 2 to 4 this morning it blew a "full gale of wind" according ⁵ Captain Pickett.

Temp. min. +19°; 9 a +22°; 12 m. +25°; 6 p. +22°

On board all day on account of storm. Such weather is dismal & depressing.

30 April Sunday.

Heavy storm continued to rage till late afternoon. Much heavy wet snow fell. Temp. min +22°; 9 a +31½°; 12 m. 31½°
2 p. +33°; 7 p. +25°

On board all day on account of storm. Third day of confinement. Seems to be clearing this evening.

Taylor came in from his traps reporting that the ice had gone out at the islet and beyond. Extending the lead north-

ward, this would bring the open 124
water to a line about $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. from the
ship. Got our coal and supplies
around to Umanak just in time!
We wonder where Egingwah and Erik
are. Fried seal meat for breakfast
and boiled seal for dinner - no
beans for a week or so.

Temp. av. for month -

First 21 days mins -	-12°	; noons +3°
30 "	-6.27°	" +8°

1 May. Monday.

Clear overhead. C₂. Wind E 6 filling
lower air with driving snow. Better at noon
when H.C.P. said that wind was W.S.W.

Temp. min +18°; 9a +26°; 12m +30°; 4p. +32°; 8p. +33 $\frac{1}{2}$

Out between 2 and 4 for walk of 5 miles.
including snowdrift glacier, where noted
enlarged and sharpened cornice of snow
projecting at least 15 ft from face of glacier

H.C.P. was out along north shore [25] after dinner and came in at 8 o'clock, saying that he had seen 16 large white gulls (brugomeister?) besides lots of snow buntings.

This afternoon the chief put a second brass patch on the stove on account of holes burned through the brass bands. The stove is beginning to look like the mate's trousers, for repairs made on it. Snow drift rises a foot above the port rail amidships.

2 May. Tuesday.

Clear. C 2. E or S.E. 6-7 & gusty.

Temp. min. +25°; 9a. 39°; 12m. 39°; 2p. 40°; 4p. 39°

The strong wind has been warm and the snow has melted a lot to-day. This morning the crew cleared snow from the deck and the vessel looks more ship-shape. Thawed out pump with salt and pumped her out. Fine odor from the bilge water, which has rotted for about seven months! Chief went ashore and got

a five-gallon can from a little stream L¹²⁶
pouring over the shore cliff from the base of
a snow bank. Mack followed suit.
Seems good to see running water again
after seven months of solid frost.
But we shall have some more cold weather
before melting begins with real activity.

- Went ashore and walked for an hour
on land and on the bare ice of the bay.
Wind too strong and snow too soft for enjoy-
able walking. Ahngialokto propped
an old door against the window of the
igloo, which had been broken by the puppy,
but he left a hole ⁱⁿ though much
snow drifted ⁱⁿ during this last storm.
- H.C.P. had the doorway of the forward
house opened up and door removed.
Midnight sun due to-night.

3 May. Wednesday.

Overcast and rather thick to
thick. Little wind. Moderate E in am.

Westerly and variable to calm in p.m. [127]

Temp. Min. 28° ; 9a 34° ; 12m. 34° ; 5p 30° ; 9h. 30°

At 9 a.m. Norman called down the companion way that Peter was along side, and surely enough there he was looking fine and with his dogs in good condition considering their long journey. He was followed shortly by Pingasut and Harrigan and not long afterward by Egingwah and Ahnludlunqow. They left Cape York yesterday morning and kept at Akpat. open water off Parker Snow Point forced them to come over the ice cap from Akpat (Sakken). Egingwah is going to live at Umanak or north of there to hunt walrus.

Peter and his Eskimos turned back from green and company two marches south of Umanak leaving on 5 March, leaving our men in the care of Mr. Balla, high priest of North Greenland, who was returning to his home at Egedesminde. This was most fortunate for all parties concerned, since Peter could not have gotten back till late summer by steamer, if at all this year, if he had been obliged to go any farther. As it was, he had some trouble coming up on account of poor ice conditions. Naturally a great load has been lifted from my mind by this safe return with good reports from green and Tanguary. The journey has been much more expensive than Peter estimated in advance that it would be, but that is a frequent experience in traveling. Peter brought tobacco for the crew as well as for me, hence I might have said myself my discussion w. H.C.P.!

Clew removed banking from port side

4 May. Thursday - 128

Clear, cloudless or nearly so, calm.

10:30, 36°

Temp. min. 26°; 9a 37°; 12m. 38°; 4p. 38°; 8p. 30°

Crew removed forward shelter house and the schooner begins to look more like a vessel. Chief and helpers repaired rudder head band with chain under H.C.P.'s direction.

Had discussion with captain over removal of coal to beach for Peter. Captain said the agreement of last winter to put it ashore was off because, he said, that Peter told him yesterday that I had said at Cape York that the coal was still mine (the Expedition). I denied saying or thinking any thing of the kind but H.C.P. said that he would not require the crew to do the work without pay. I said that the best that I could do was to offer 2 lbs. smoking tobacco to each man. Then H.C.P. agreed to see that the coal was put ashore all right. Peter afterward told me that he did not tell the captain that, because I did not say it. H.C.P. is extremely disagreeable in his attitude toward me. He thinks that he has cause for feeling sore, but I think otherwise and that he is the one who has treated the Museum, the Expedition and me badly. I wish that I were well out of all this mess. [See p. 137.]

About 11 o'clock Peter and 129
the Eskimos started for Umanalik
on the sea ice. Photos with graphex^{16, 1/2}
8/35 of Peter braiding dog traces
and of him starting. I rode out
with him nearly to our cache - a-
bout $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Saw some seals on the ice.
Peter and the other men climbed up on
the rocks to examine the prospect. Reported
impassable leads and all turned back
reaching ship about 1 o'clock. Peter
wanted to wait till evening before start-
ing over the ice cap, but the Eskimos did
not want to delay, hence in a quarter
hour all were under way again. I rode
out about five miles with Peter nearly to
where first high ridge begins to be steep and
walked back, getting to ship just at dinner
time. Snow surface not bad for walking
down hill and much better for sledging
than was expected. I asked Peter to give
each of the three Eskimos - Tatiak, Ping-
asut and Harrigan - who gone to Uper-
nuk and beyond 10 kr as a gratuity.
and add it to the expedition's bill.

Rabbit stew for dinner.

Ben saw ~~-~~ heard a little ant this
afternoon and got a rabbit. Mate
went over to or near the big (Clift) gla-
cier and reported the icicles gone and
a stream of water flowing from the
front.

The big snow drift on the port side
of the vessel has bent the ice down and
slightly increased her list to port,
but this varies in amount with rise
and fall of tide.

Peter took S. Greenland sledge away with him.

5 May. Friday.

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High, detached cirrus clouds, calm. But heavy south or S.E. wind began to blow about 5 p.m. and rose to half a gale. Max 44° Temp. min. 24°; 9a. 38°; 12m. 42°; 4p. 42°; 8p. 38° Before seven this morning Itukasuk, Nitte and Koludena came in from Umanak without having seen Peter Co in route. Koludena is going to Cape Seddon to marry Innutok's widow, and his kamitik is loaded down with his share of the housekeeping things. He even has a frame for a kayak. The men slept today and started on for Cape York via the ice cap about 6 p.m. in spite of the high wind. H.C.P. and I were planning to go over to Cape York with these men and visit the new meteorite, but gave it up on account of Peter's report that Ahng-nodablahe and Erik were about to come northward ("in a couple of days"). We (or I at any rate) would not have cared to start over the ice cap in the face of the gale now raging.

I went out alone to Broken Rock Point, 6+ miles of walk. Did some photographing and took some geological notes on the Bird Cliff. Lovely spring day and I was out on my walk about five hours, enjoying it very much. Most of the time I was too warm wearing my netsha and therefore carried it on my arm. Warmth has settled the snow so that the going was very good.

H.C.P. himself fired grass on cliff slope this afternoon, greatly extending area burned over by the crew yesterday. Did not seem to burn into the peat, they say, and soon we'll have a fine green lawn to look at. Plenty of kamik grass left, if they don't burn over a lot more of the grassland - I hope that they let it alone. Chub put a foot under one side of stove this evening.

Taylor climbed the cliff last night and saw the sun at midnight.

6 May. Saturday.

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Clear, cloudless, calm. Last night's wind died out between 3 and 4 this morning. Temp. min. 27° ; 9 a. 38° ; 12 m. 41° ; 5. 30 p. 38° . max 44° .

"Thousands" of little arks were seen by some of the crew flying about the cliffs early this morning. Ben shot one and ate it raw. The birds disappeared before I went on deck at 9 o'clock. Mate heard some murrens.

Crew removed after shelter house and I extinguished cabin lamp at 11:17. We all are rejoiced to have the sunlight enter the cabin once more. Tried to do some work on St. Vincent, but could not accomplish much with the noise of the work over my head and the talk of the captain and men. Snow is soft for walking. Quite a pool of water around the vessel in trench left by removing the banking. Glad to get fresher and dryer air in the cabin. Developed roll of films afternoon - overexposed. Chief took off his beard and looks odd enough. After dinner and cards left vessel at 8 p.m. and walked for two hours, visiting front of the big Cluett Glacier, route covered about 4 miles. All the array of icicles has disappeared. I am sorry not to have gotten a photo of it, but chances of success seemed poor, anyhow. Blue color gone now through soft and porous character of front due to warmth of sun's rays. Vegetation is beginning to show life - willow twigs softening. Stream of water 1-2 ft. wide and 2-4 inches deep is flowing away from the glacier. Saw none coming from the other glacier, but I did not go close to either of its bases. Ground is quite boggy and spongy where there is earth or turf. Green is showing strong in the moss.

Canvas house was put on on 14 October, hence has been on a week less than seven months

7 May. Sunday.

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Clear & calm. C 4 at 9 a.m., but cloudy
(after noon for nearly so) max 38°

Temp. min 12°; 9 a 33°; 12 m 37°; 4 p. 36°; 6 p. 35°;
Took photos 9 x 16, 4-12, of captain and crew in winter
costume on ice near vessel -

From 11 to 4 out alone to big gulch and via that
to top of Bird Cliff and the summits on the plateau

Took elevations - Bay ice at gulch 410' 12 m -
12:45 p. Edge of cliff first section 1170' = 760' A.J.
12:53 p. Do above pinnacle photoid 1190' = 780' A.J.
1:02 p. Do. highest point second section 1250' = 840' A.J.
1:35 p. High point above Broken Rock Pt. 1560' = 1150' A.J.
(Highest point visible from cliff)

1:42 p. Highest point of bluff mass 1580' = 1170' A.J.

2:55 p. Bay ice at foot of gulch. 400'; ∴ average
wld. add 5 ft. to A.J. s given above.

In big gulch about 100 feet above bay there
is a 3 foot boulder of schistose augen gneiss
Augen consist of Carlsbad twins of feldspar about
an inch long, extremely thick, parallel position,
long axes parallel to schistosity. Handsome
specimen. Plateau has on it some of Pudtlak's
lines of stones for the attachment of rabbit snares
- may long antedate Pudtlak! Three remains
of little auk caches, one of which was near edge
of cliff above the pinnacle.

Saw no erratics, surface being wholly covered
with frost-rounded, subangular, and few
angular fragments of local rock, nearly or
quite in place. Diabase sill or dike shown
as a band of darker debris amid the feldspathic
gneiss. Change from feldspathic gneiss
to hornblende gneiss can be made out
in spite of coating of lichens. Above Broken
Rock Point the gneiss is very black from the
contained hornblende.

Beautiful day and beautiful view -
Wide open lead around Cape Dudley Digges
and extending northward well off from
point of Petouitc Glacier and toward Cape
Athol. Toward Cape York leads are broad and

Numerous. Network of open leads extends westward for miles. Limit was hidden in low fog showing proximity of open water. Later this low bank of fog rolled in beyond Conical Rock and even sent a streamer onto south side of bay - soon dissipated.

Pebourie Glacier, like the icebergs, has lost most of its blue color through softening of the ice and does not look nearly as beautiful as it did ten days ago (26 Apr.) when I walked over the mountain after leaving Mene.

Noted two ivory gulls, a falcon perched on a rock on the plateau, snow buntings, one little auk, a fly, a caterpillar, willow catkins shedding their seeds, two widely separated last year's eggs prob. of little auk.

Gentle breeze from S.S.W. on summit.

Much grass, moss and earth in patches on the plateau, especially above the eastern foot of the Bird Cliffs.

Rudder freed itself from the ice today and the ship is now loose all around.

8 May. Monday.

Clear, cloudless, calm. Light puffs of wind, variable, in late afternoon and evening.
Temp. min 18°; ~~12~~ 25° 39 a, 34°; 12 m. 37°; 4 p. 37°; 7:30 p. 30° Max 39

Crew bent on spanker and rove gear for all the big sails. We could sail now if we had to, or had a chance! They hoisted spanker of course in bending it on.

Out with H.C.P. to Broken Rock Point looking for the local "quarry" of soapstone used by the Eskimos. H.C.P. visited it with Pudtlak but it was hard to find again under the changed conditions of snow and light. He found it, however, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east of the big gash in the cliff just above (20-25') the level of the bay. Pleasant and interesting walk, disagreeable topics being avoided.

Footing rather soft & the 7 mi. walk was enough.

Trickling of snow water down the gullies in the face of the bluffs makes pleasant music. Saw only two gulls, one raven and several snow buntings.

Chief put patch on front of stove today.

9 May. Tuesday.

Clear, cloudless. Calm or nearly so - low, light fog in outer bay early. Went out and esq'd. 9a. Temp. min $18\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9a. 29° ; 12 m. 35° ; 4 p. 37° ; 8 p. $+27^{\circ}$

Early this morning Ootah, alpelinguna Karmah (name o.k.?), with their wives and children and Peter's deaf and dumb ward, 14 Es. Kinno in all, arrived from Umanak on their way to Akpat, Cape York and Cape Seddon. I make out that they are going to stay here for some days and then distribute themselves down the line. Ootah says that he and his family are going to Cape Seddon for the summer, returning northward when the sun is down. This seems to me an odd arrangement of time, ^{but he says he has plenty of meat at his igloo.} The deaf mute is going to his sister at Cape Seddon. The Eskimos came on six kamatiks and have pitched two tupics on the beach near Pudlak's igloo. They brought a kyack and a set-up kyack frame with them. These look like awkward loads for kamatiks. Two of the men went out hunting seals but saw none. Ootah's wife mended up my kamiks.

Went out after dinner for 2 hr. walk, going to the lateral moraine on north side of the big (Cluett) glacier. Leaf buds on the willows are swelling, moss is putting out new leaves, green leaves really begin to show under the dead brown leaves. Spring is coming rapidly now, apparently. Let it come as fast as it will! The stream from the ice front of the Cluett glacier is so strong now that its gurgling is audible a half mile or more away.

10 May. Wednesday. 1/35-

Clear and cloudless. Moderate to fresh easterly or south easterly breeze from early morning to about 5:30 p.m.

Temp. min 19° ; 9a. 35° ; 12m. 35° ; 3:30 p. 37°
6:30 p. 34° . Max. 37°

Crew began removing coal from the hold and got nearly half of it out and piled on the ice alongside, when the captain stopped the work, because the vessel was not rising in response to the lightening of her load.

Clouds of auklets flew along the cliffs between 1 + 4:30 this morning and then disappeared. Ben got three and the Eskimos ten of the birds. H.C.P. secured them and we are to have them for dinner tomorrow. The birds were caught with nets like long handled dip nets. They fly too high now for much success with nets.

Out alone for walk along shore this morning and after dinner for picnic mile walk around head of bay to snowdrift glacier and directly back.

Chief told me day before yesterday that fly wheel was loose on crank shaft and thrown out of position before "Cluett" reached Boston from New York. This could be established by testimony of engineer from Wolverine Co. who was on the vessel.

Ootah says that Pudtlak and family are occupying his igloo at Kiatek and that Greliaik's baby has ^{not} arrived yet. Pudtlak's igloo here is a desolate looking place now with the floor and platforms covered with cans, debris, snow and frost - a forlorn place for human habitation.

"Scouse" for breakfast. Have stew for dinner.

Changed plates and got graflex camera into shape for fresh use in evening.

11 May. Thursday.

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Clear but overcast a.m. Light clouds and cloudless afternoon. Water fog thick well out at sea -

Temp. min 25°; 9A 29°; 12M 29°; 4P. 30°; 7P. 30°^{max 33°}

at 8:50 this morning, while I was getting ready for breakfast, I felt the vessel give a sudden jerk. She had freed herself from the ice adhering to her port side and come onto an even keel. Her port side rose about a foot and the chief's snow bridge is now something of a jump down from the rail.

Crew piled on above the coal which they removed from the hold yesterday -

With chief's aid overhauled Ernemann motion picture camera, cleaned its gear and got it into running order.

Captain Comeis snow igloo has disappeared.

Walked out alone for about an hour before dinner along north shore side of bay.

Scone for breakfast. Stew of anklets and canned roast beef for dinner, also stewed dried peaches. The birds were good, but there was only one apiece - except that H.C.P. served me two. It would take four to six to make a good meal for a man.

Last evening Ootah and company struck their traps and started over the ice cap toward Cape York. At 1 this morning they were just about to disappear over the crest. H.C.P. bought a shaggy puppy 4 or 5 months old from one of the men and it makes night hideous with its howling. Not very friendly yet except with Ben. The huskies ransacked Pudlak's igloo for anything of value to themselves.

There were no anklets on the cliffs this morning, hence H.C.P. had to postpone his intended try at netting some. Sea fog came into bay about 8 p.m. producing curious illusion of distance as one looked across bay toward invisible south shore.

12 May. Friday.

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Overcast and thick. Light snow falling and calm at 9 o'clock. Somewhat clearer at 10 and after, snow ceased, disagreeable light breeze came up from the south. Chilly & rather strong before noon. (Clear at m.) Temp. min. 19°; 9 a. 32°; 12 m. 28°; 4 p. 28°. (Cloudy at 11.25. Fog at sea)

During my talk with Captain Pickels on 4 May (see p. 128), he said that stopping at Upernivik cost us Melville Bay. This was the first time that this idea had been advanced in my hearing. I doubt the justification for the statement. We certainly had a good strong breeze during the afternoon of the day on which we arrived at 7 p. m. at Upernivik anchorage and it was too rough for us to go ashore that evening; but the wind died out during the night and the following day (11 Aug.) was calm; so calm that H.C.P. would not leave, said then that it was not advisable to get under weigh. Of course we should have covered a good many miles with the breeze of 10 Aug. but probably should not have gotten more than half way from Upernivik to Devil's Thruhb before losing the wind. As I have said the 11th was calm. On 12th we had light N. wind; 13th same; 14th calm; 15th brisk wind from N. N. W. In early morning of 16 Aug. we were off Devil's Thruhb. Neither can say how much if any appreciable time we lost by stopping at Upernivik, but neither Captain Pickels nor Captain Corner said a word against stopping there. It seems to me that they should have pointed out to me the risk of stopping, if they or either of them had felt that there was any. With my present experience in the Arctic and knowledge of the "Climate", I would not stop there again in an auxiliary schooner under similar conditions! The stop was made with the advice and approval of Peary and other men of experience, in order to learn about the ice conditions in Melville Bay - But we learned nothing.

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Crew took remainder of coal out of the hold and finished piling it on the ice and closing the hatch just before noon. The bags are poor and some are in bad condition, but there has been little loss yet. The men used a ball of twine sewing the rents in the bags before hoisting them. Better bags should have been used in the first place. If I have anything to do with outfitting another arctic expedition, I shall advise using anthracite coal only and bringing it up in good bags running 20 to the ton.

Got in three or four hours on St. Vincent work, calculating distances at crater.

Day has been unpleasant and chilly but I took a 3/4 hr. walk up and down good ice in this section of bay before dinner.

Breakfast: scouse, corn meal mush, molasses, bread, butter, coffee, milk.

Dinner: pea soup, corned beef, canned tomatoes, salt pork, potatoes, turnips, bread, butter, tea, milk, molasses for sweetening.

13 May. Saturday.

Clear, cloudless or light clouds, calm and light S. + S. W. winds

Temp. min. 28° ; 9 a. 36° ; 12 m. 37° ; 4 p. 35° ; 9 p. 27°

Crew took about half the coal ashore. I worked on St. Vincent crater calculations and developed a dozen plates.

Ahugmodablaho and Ahuginalocko came in from Cape York about 12:30 this morning. They brought a kayak and box for Eric who is coming soon. Ekblaw with Mene and Eginguahsuk arrived from Umanak at 4 p. m.

just in time for dinner. About 139
5 p.m. Sigdlu, Pingasut, Alacotiate and
the Kiatek missionary and family of
wife and three children followed in
from Umanak on their way to Cape
York where some of them are going to
settle for the season. At about 6 p.m.
all the Cape York people started for the
south over the ice cap.

Photos. 17, 1. 8/50 Alacotiate and Kamata-
tik with kayak on it.

17, 2. 8/50 Kiatek missionary and wife
beside their kamatak. Inuk

17, 3 8/35 Mene and Sigdlu beside a
Kamatak.

17, 4. 8/35 Sigdlu and Eginguash beside
the former's kamatak.

Alacotiate says that he got married
all right.

Suitcase came tagged "Dr. Hunt, Bangor".

14 May. Sunday -

Overcast and with low cloud or fog on
ice cap and mountains till late afternoon
but cleared to cloudless by 8 o'clock or before -
Temp. min. 26°; 9 a. 34°; 12 m. 34°; 3 p. 36°; top. 27°

Ekblaw and I had a conference this
morning with Captain Pickels in which
I told him that conditions in N.W. Greenland
as reported to me by Mr. Ekblaw and
others made it necessary for Dr. Hunt
Captain Corner and me to return home-
ward on the "Cluett", in case the schooner
leaves before the arrival of a relief steam-
er from the Museum. Mr. Ekblaw
said that he would spare 1 bbl flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ the
cornmeal, 1 keg molasses from expedition
stores if needed for the ship on account

of our passage. H.C.P. said that he [140] would not need the cornmeal, might not need the molasses, and might need the flour, though he would take nothing not absolutely necessary, because the vessel will be going toward food, while Mr. Ekblaw will be staying where the war may prevent any supplies from coming this year and he may be facing another winter in the arctic. H.C.P. said that it would be advisable for Douthart and Captain Coker to be at the vessel on or before 25 June, on account of the early season. Agreed to ~~be~~ by us. Everything amicably arranged, apparently.

Ek and I walked out to Norman's ^{Gulch} Valley (the "big gulch", formerly "Soapstone valley") on the bay and back over the plateau. 5 mi. He showed me many of the different species of plants growing here. He has noted 42 to-day. The big white gull which has arrived is the burgomaster or glaucous gull. Saw an arctic wheatear. We climbed down some steep rock faces in descending from the plateau. Great stretches and areas of open water visible, particularly to S.W. Very enjoyable walk. Report is that two more of MacMillan's men have returned to Etah and that they say that he was going only two marches beyond where they left him. Probably, therefore, he too is now at Etah.

Dog-food being lacking, Ek, Eging-wah and Mene started back to Umanak at about 8:30 this evening. They took the Victrola records with them. Ek came prepared to take me too if I insisted on going but I decided that it was wise to take the advice of Ek, Hunt and Peter and stay at the ship. Conditions at Umanak are not good and the early season makes travel bad and uncertain.

This morning Et brought in the first (141) pussy willows that we have seen here. They look as if they had been out for a day or two. Saw more in Norman's Valley Gulch. On the west side of this gulch 300 yds or so from the bay Et pointed out a shelter wh. Inuitiak must have used in netting anklets. Circular wall of stones built up high enough to give concealment to the hunter. There are several of the old Eskimo stone fox traps on the plateau. These are spaces inclosed and roofed over with flat stones. When in use, they are provided with a flat slab which slides or falls in a manner to close the entrance when the fox springs the trap.

On the sides of the gulleys noted many characteristic flows of earth, sand, gravel and stones presenting some of the features of glaciers. These are important factors in soil formation.

Beans for breakfast. Canned beef for dinner with rice for dessert.

Ec says that the single eggs found on the plateau were caught by the foxes. We saw several today.

15 May. Monday.

Clear, C 1, calm. Apparently a light N. wind outside.

Temp. min. 26° ; 9a. 35° ; 12m. 34° ; 9p. 27°

Crew finished putting coal on shore and I gave them the promised tobacco for doing it.

Wrote letters to Ekblaw and MacMillan giving authorizations, instructions and requests, to be effective in case of my going homeward on the "Clarett".

On board all day.

16 May. Tuesday.

Overcast & cloudy all day. Heavy fog out on the sea and fogbanks resting on the cliff tops and mountains. Calm or very light westerly winds. Temp. min. 27° ; 9a. 33° ; 12m. 36° ; 5p. 36° ; 10p. 27°

Early this morning - 10 o'clock after there arrived from Cape York Erik, Bahina & baby, the old

Atergana widow and her two sons, Pingasut and Ala. 142
cotiah; and from Unanak en route to
Cape Melville Oogriah and his wife and two small
children. Oogriah was one of the North Pole party
~~and brought the skins of all~~
so that now I have seen them all. He told us,
in effect, that there were four Eskimos Inuits
and two Kabluna at the Pole." He counts Matt
Henson as a Kabluna or white man.
I took two photos of Oogriah and his family
standing beside Eric's traps.

Walked alone over to the front of the big or Clift
glacier and took four Graflex photos of it. The
flat ground is getting very boggy but not un-
pleasant yet to walk upon. The turf feels good
to Kamikid feet after walking over stones.

Got the old woman to sew bearskin chuk +
wrist pieces onto my netsha. Also bought pair
of white sealskin mittens from her. Gave her
1/4 lb plus smoking tobacco and a paper of needles.
Bought from the chief for a pound of tobacco
the knife that he made last winter and sent it over
to E.K.

About 5 p.m. Pingasut and Ala cotiah started for
Unanak taking Mate Davis with them. He is go-
ing to repair Pete's motor boat for him.

Crew put ashore lumber wh. H.C.P. sold
to Peter. Cleaned up hold and secured
old and spare sails from rats, brought up fore-
stay sails and top sails.

During the night the rest of the Eskimos depart-
ed, except the old widow Atergana and ^{one of} her
two sons who slept in the open on the beach,
wrapped in their furs.

Bkt. curry of canned beef and rice.

17 May. Wednesday.

Clear, cloudless, light air from S.W.
Temp. min. $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9A. 34° ; 12M. 33° 7P. 30°

Shukashukna (~~woman ok?~~?) from Igloodahane
arrived from Unanak about 10 o'clock last night
^{before} en route to Cape Melville. He is the most pruni-
tive of all the natives that we have seen. H.C.P. got
from him a bow-drill made from a walrus (?) rib.
in exchange for a spoke shave.

Anklets were on the cliffs in Nigards this
morning and made a great noise with their
cries and the whirring of their wings.
This whirring is surprisingly loud and
Shukashukna

that from a passing flock sounds much like the surf beating on the shore - the more like the songing of the wind through pine trees. H.C.P. was out with some of the crew (Rein, at least) at 2 a.m. and Shukka shukka on the cliff netting arcticlets. They got \$44. Poor caught one yesterday in his hand.

Crew bent on fore staysail and topsails today.

Went over to beach where I found Atengana seated among her sleeping furs just finishing a pair of kamiks for Charley. Had her sew up some rips in ^{one} my kamiks while I walked along the beach southward. I think that the stream is running through the break in the beach 50 yds. south of the coal cache, because the snow bridge sounds hollow. This is the northern of the three streams emptying into the bay and brings down the drainage from the coule to Unnatak. Went on to the middle break in the beach, through which the discharge from the big ("Cluett") glacier passes. The stream is now flowing through the break and forms open water for 50-75 yards beyond the beachcrest. The lake behind the beach shows considerable open water, which I saw yesterday. Several gulls were along the open water and were quite tame. Ooguiah crossed the road in his kaiuatic last night, but he must have gotten wet doing it.

Took two photos (9x17, 11x12) of Atengana at work.

For several days we have heard distinctly the dull roar of the surf beating against the outer edge of the bay ice and crunching the cakes together. The line of black open water stretching clear across the bay is in plain sight from the deck of the "Cluett", but three miles of five foot ice intervenes and keeps the vessel imprisoned. Dotah says that the ice will break up on the June high tides. They will come 26-28 June, and we hope that he is a good prophet.

Alakutsiaq (Alacopal) took skins away from roof of Pudlak's igloo yesterday, leaving the place open to dry out this summer. (144)

Shukashuna started for Cape York via the ice cap about 2 p.m.

18 May. Thursday.

Overcast or very cloudy all day. Air rather raw and chilly. Wind W. & N.W. 2-4, puffy - Temp. min 22°; 9 a. 30°; 1/2 m. 34°; 4 p. 35°; 6:30 p. 28°.

Many auklets have remained on the cliffs all day, evidently with the purpose of nesting here, but most of the clouds of birds that arrived early this morning went on elsewhere before noon. I was ashore before breakfast and concealed myself in a nook among the large blocks at the foot of the talus slope near the big coal cache. The flight of the birds is interesting and somewhat exciting, particularly when they fly within three feet of one's head as some of these did this morning. Their speed is very high and the birds pay little attention to a man, even when he stands in the open, but they seem able to see and dodge a net when it is raised too soon. Taylor knocked down several birds with stones today.

Developed roll no. 46. Wrote letters. Out after dinner for an hour's walk. Unpleasant and threatening, with snow pellets coming in squalls.

Bft., fried auklets. Dinner, auklet stew. The birds are excellent, tender and not at all fishy.

19 May. Friday.

Overcast and thick. Light winds from west. Began to snow about 2 p.m. and snowed thickly from 3 to 5 o'clock. A wet snow melting as it fell on the vessel. Water dripped into cabin between dried deck plants. On ship a shower bath - Sun broke through clouds about 6:30 p. little while.

Temp. min. 24° ; 9a. 29° ; 12m. 29° ; 4p. 28° [145]
Sun broke through clouds about 6:30 p.

Crew brought 9 bbl. kerosene on board from the old shore cache and stored them in the forward hold. H.C. P. strung line of ashes out fifty yards or more (75?) toward shore - and he and Taylor gathered up coal that fell from bags as they were piled on the ice and bagged it - 3 bags full. Put ashore with rest of Peter's stock at new cache.

All the little arctic disappeared from the cliffs last night and none came to-day.

Charlie mopped up the cabin floor this morning. I asked him whether he did not know that this was Friday. "Oh, yes," he replied, "but there might be a lot of pretty ables to him tomorrow morning!" He showed more forethought than I thought he possessed.

On board nearly all day. Cleaned up my room, aired my sleeping bag, did some St. Vincent work. Took an hour's walk in the snowstorm in the afternoon on the hard ice along shore east and west of the vessel.

The falling snow was soft and wet, melting as it fell on the vessel. We had quite a shower bath in the cabin from the water dripping through the cracks in the dried-up deck.

Breakfast - curry of canned beef and rice.

Dinner - baked arcticlets. Best dish that we have had in many a day. The birds were tender and delicious, reminding one of squat in size and flavor.

20 May. Saturday.

Thickly overcast till late afternoon. Began to clear about 5 p.m. with northerly wind. Westerly or southwesterly before it got.

Temp. min. 25° ; 9a. 30° ; 12m. 29° ; 4p. 30° ; 8p. 29° - calm

Unpleasant day, but countless little arctics flew and litghed along the cliffs. Ben got 65 to-day. He is by far most successful. Taylor next. Walked along trail on north shore from 2:30 to 3:30 ± watching birds. Visited Puriblack's igloo and collected small soapstone lamp p.

Place looks desolate enough now and 146
one could hardly think that it had ever been
or could be made a comfortable habitation
for human beings. Much snow, ice and debris
in there and seal skin living hangs in torn
folds. Undescribable filth pollutes ground for
ten yards around the igloo. Wrecked harmonica in bed.

The welcome black zone of open water
outside the bay seems to be working its way
gradually inwards. Would do much execu-
tion to the bay ice, if ^{there} we could only have a
strong westerly gale of wind.

Bft. - curry of beef and rice. Dinner-baked apples.

After dinner the Captain and Taylor went
out as far as they considered safe toward the
open water. They came back reporting the
(H.C.P.) the April ice all gone out and the
old ice breaking up into pans and cracking
for a half-mile back from the ~~the~~ edge. They
could feel the ice moving under them with
the swell and could see ^{+ hear} the outer cakes
grinding together under the influence of
the moderate to strong northwest breeze -
Prospects good for nutch ice going out with
next week's high tides. They saw a good
many eider ducks and some sea pigeons.
Taylor got one of the latter with a lucky rifle
shot, decapitating it.

~~Used last of biscuits, hard bread for dinner in evening.~~

21 May. Sunday.

Overcast. Westerly (N.W.?) wind 2.

Temp. min 23° ; 9 a. 33° ; 12 m. 31° ; 4 p. 32° ; 7:15 p. 31°

Little alks absent this morning.

The last fragments of biscuit (hard
tack) disappeared to-day. Tarangi

Clean shave again last night. Mons-
tache was altogether too white!

Out for a short walk before dinner -

Cleared off after dinner and night was magnificient
from 6 p. on. Sun disappeared behind high
cliffs at 7:10 p. mean time. Norman and
some of the crew went out to top of the big Bird cliff
beyond the gulch. Reported open water and few
bergs ~~as far as the eye could see.~~

Curry, ...

22 May - Monday.

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Overcast. S.E. & dying down toward noon and becoming light westerly by mid afternoon. Heavy black clouds in W. somewhat misty 4 to 5 o'clock p.m.

Temp. min 19°; 9a. 30°; 12m. 32°; 4p. 28°

Comparatively few little auklets on cliffs this morning and all had gone by 9 o'clock. Ben got 23, however. The birds are covered with fine gray down under their white feathers. Head, neck and wings are dark slate color, almost black. Quite a job to pluck the birds, but crew do it since H.C.P. is saving the feathers, which seem good for pillows and cushions. Charley has the job of singeing off this down, which he does by means of a red hot poker. The other night he was talking in his sleep about the birds and caring for them. He asked the cook how they were coming on and to the cook's answer he replied "Let her sing". This remark has become a by-word now among us, but Charley does not seem to care.

Got in a little work on St. Vincent.

Out ~~for~~ before dinner for an hour's walk, going toward the big gulch (Norman's Gulch). Noticed cracks and cracking in the sea ice. Favorable to the break-up which will come day so.

My party should be in Copenhagen now if the "Hans Egede" came according to schedule and they reached Helsingborg per train.

H.C.P. had a hand net for catching little auklets fixed up for him today. Offers me the use of it whenever I may want it. He has been much more agreeable ^{to me} since his ebullition while Peter was here and now seems to be trying to be courteous and sociable - too sociable in fact for the good of my work.

Bff. curry, oat & rice. Dinner - corned beef. string beans.

Ben and Taylor got 8 akpats (mures) [148] at the Bird cliff beyond Normans gush after dinner.

23 May. Tuesday.

Overcast and snowing. N.E. 4-6 or ⁷ stronger
Temp. min 24° ; 9a. 28° ; 12 m. 30° ; 4p. 28°
Stormy, disagreeable day. Spent on board reading "Our Mutual Friend".
Storm over and somewhat clear after dinner.
Bpt., scouse and fried anklets
Dinner, baked anklets. Last of butter.
During night felt vessel moving under influence of ground swell. a good feeling.

24 May. Wednesday.

Clear and cloudless. S1 + variable -
W 2 p.m. of afternoon.
Temp. min 22° ; 9a. 32° ; 12 m. 36° ; 4p. 31° ; 8p. 29°
Tried my luck at netting little ants with the captain's new net. Struck one fair, but knocked it against cliff and lost it. Net was too shallow and flat. Hit the wing of another. They fly with surprising velocity. I was on face of cliff 75 feet above new coal cache - after watching the anklets for a time, I started up the cliff and went to the top of the mountain. Open water outside the bay as far as one could see, and more free from bergs at a distance than near shore. Not more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of ice now between the vessel and the open sea. Yesterday's storm carried away a broad belt of our imprisoning ice and the swell produced many cracks in what remains. Open sea extends far northward. Ice around Cape Athol and Westerholme Island. Beautiful sight!

went eastward and circled the head of the bay on land returning across bay ice - a hard 5-6 mile walk, on account of the rocks. Saw first flowers of the season - white scurvy grass and purple heather. Little water running from Cleet Glacier. None seems to have come yet from the divided glacier.

Crew brought lifeboat from beach and left it on the ice alongside the vessel.

Murre (akpat) stew for dinner. Very good. Taste somewhat like that of duck. Rest of menu - bread, tea with molasses and milk, dried peaches.

Crew got 162 anklets today, of wh. Ben netted 108, Charley got 5 with a club + H.C.P. 3. Ben and Taylor got 12 murres at the big cliff in the evening. The boys report many cracks in bay ice from about $\frac{1}{2}$ miles beyond vessel outward.

25 May. Thursday.

Cloudless before 9 a.m. but low fog was coming in and by 10 o'clock we were covered with the cloud about 600 feet above us. Light westerly air and variable. Fog lifted considerably about mid afternoon.

Temp. min. 22° ; 9a. 31° ; 12m. 32° ; 4p. 35° ; 8p. 27°

Chief took photos of me in my furs.

St. Vincent work.

Crew used gasoline blow-torch for singeing their birds. Great improvement over Charley's red hot poker, doing 170, including murres, in about a half-hour.

After dinner H.C.P. and Charley went out nearly to the edge of the ice and returned confirming report that the ice beyond the large berg $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. out is cracked in every direction ready to form floes and pans.

Anklets are apparently getting ready to nest for they do not fly about so much.

Out for about a half-hour's walk just before dinner.

26 May -

Friday.

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Would be cloudless, were it not for thin masses of fog hovering around and level with the tops of the cliffs and mountains. But the fog thickened much soon after noon.

Wind W and light, say 1 to 2. Temperature 38° Temp. min. 25°; 9a. 30°; 12m. 35°; 4p. 35°; 8p. 26°

Crew rose sheets and tackles onto the big sails. Walked out to the large berg in the middle of the bay about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. from vessel, found the exercise rather fatiguing. Crossed two long cracks transverse to the bay about a mile out, but could not see the numerous cracks beyond the berg reported by the captain and others. There are some noble, big bergs outside the bay which are drifting southeastward along the coast. Charley's 15th birthday.

St. Vincent work. David Copperfield

Bf't: commercial mush + molasses. Fried ankles

Dinner: at�par stew, bread, prunes.

27 May. Saturday.

Clear and cloudless at 9a., with wind W. 1 - 2. Thin clouds and some fog around noon, but by 2p. toward clear, cloudless, calm. Heavy westerly (?) wind squall raged from about 4 to 5 this morning raising swell which affected the vessel.

Temp. min. 20°; 9a. 30°; 12m. 36°; 8p. 37°; 10p. 30°

Spent about four hours of this beautiful day on shore near the new cache, watching the little arks as they flew about, perched on the rocks or made love to one another. Took two reels of motion pictures with aid of the chief, who carried the camera ashore and back again and threw stones at the birds when I wanted them started up. In company with Fiander tried my hand at netting birds and caught two thus - After dinner I caught a disabled one on the ice foot at the cache, in my hands

Captain Pickels and Taylor went out to Nor - 151
man's Gulch and beyond. Lots of murrees and
grulls about the big Bird Cliff. Saw many cracks
in the ice, which is getting into bad condition.
Lead two or three feet wide comes in midway
of the big bluff and looks hopeful for speedy
departure of the ice beyond it.

28 May. Sunday. New moon.

Overcast, thick outside. Wind S.E.(or E.) 6-9
Died out latter part of afternoon (H.C.P. says it was N.E.) and began
to snow -
Temp. min. 25° ; 9a. 28° ; 12M. 29° ; 4p. 28°
Day is chilly, blustery and disagreeable,
but we trust that the high wind, which began
to blow off the ice cap early this morning
will drive away some ice. Let her blow,
as hard as she will, we all say. The hard-
er the better for us. No anklets on our cliff to-day
for Bft. cornmeal mush, fried bacon, baked ankles -
Dinner: pea soup, baked ankles, boiled salt pork, potatoes,
turnips, dried peaches.

29 May. Monday.

Overcast a.m. with granular snow falling
from about 10 o'clock for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour or more
Wind S. 3. Cleared off soon after noon
and became cloudless, except for low-
lying water fog in distant west. Wind of 5-6 came
out of the north. Keen and gusty.

Temp. min. $25\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9a. 30° ; 12M. 30° ; 4p. 28° ; 9:30p. 29°
Clouds of anklets on cliffs today and
crew netted about 150 of the birds.
On board all day except for short walk
just before dinner! Wind too strong and
disagreeable for comfortable walking.
Sgt. Vincent work. David Copperfield.

Bft: oatmeal, little auk.

Dinner: macaroni soup, salt beef+potk, potatoes, turnips,

30 May. Tuesday.

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Cloudless morning, though somewhat hazy. Wind E 2-3. Gradually grew thicker and by 6 p.m. heavy S.E. gale (8-9) was raging and the air was full of flying fresh snow. Worst storm that we have had for some time.

Temp. min. 28° ; 9a. 39° ; 12 m. 39° ; 6 p. 39° ; 9:30 - 35°

Mate arrived with Mene about 3 a.m., having made the trip from Umanak in 8 hours. All well at Umanak. Plenty of seals there. Egningwa made the trip across a fortnight ago in 6 hours. Mate brought letters from Etoblow and Peter which kept me busy for some hours and then the wind was so strong that I did not go out and now - 6:30 p.m. - the scene outside is so wild that we are glad enough of the shelter afforded by the ship's cabin. Mene says that Silkisuma, who was here on 17 May, returned to Umanak over the ice cap without coming down here. He brought back some effects from his old igloo east of Cape York, near Cape Melville. The Eskimo name for Cape York is Ignaqanouria. (Dominative Ignaqanuk?) Snow ceased ca 8 o'clock but gale continued raging. Mene went out and got 40 little aukts.

31 May. Wednesday. Av. Temp. $\frac{\text{min } 21.5}{\text{hours } 34.1}$

Overcast & thick. Wind S.E. 4-5. Latter part of afternoon full gale raged at times. Rained hard last night and again from 5-7 p.m.

Temp. min. 33° ; 9a. 37° ; 12 m. $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 4p. 37° ; 8p. 35°

Mene started for Umanak ca. 11 o'clock but came back ca 2 p.m., having found travel on ice cap dangerous from thick atmosphere, heavy wind and driving snow. His poor dogs have had nothing to eat for three days.

Went out for walk soon after 3 p.m. but snow was so wet and there was so much water in pools on the board ice that I came back on board after 15-20 min.

The house is still so dry that the cabin ceiling leaks a good bit.

Mate put tin and canvas patch over the stove in plank amidships on port side.

Vessel shook and knocked against the ice considerably last night, but could go backward only about 6", despite all the heavy wind. To-day a line was run out from her port bow and made fast to the ice and fenders were lowered on the port side.
— Mene fed his dogs this evening on the little aukks which he netted yesterday.

1 June. Thursday.

Strong gale continued through night and was accompanied by heavy rain. Wind moderated and rain changed to snow \approx 4 a.m. At 9 a. overcast and thick with wet snow falling thickly, wind S.W. 3. Storm ceased, tho' not clear, by noon. Clear by 3 p.m. Temp. Min. 31° ; Ga. 31° ; 12 m. 32° ; 4 p. $31\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 8 p. $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$. Temp water at 1 p.m. 34° .

Little aukks returned to our cliffs this morning. Some St. Vincent work this afternoon - hindered by H.C. P.'s reminiscences of Bermuda &c. Out for 2 mi. walk before dinner. Not much good surface now to traverse on the bay. Slushy snow makes hard going.

After dinner Norman and Chief went out to the new crack about $\frac{3}{4}$ mi. from ship and measured thickness of ice with a wire. "Strong 4 feet".

Mene got away a gain for Umanak about 6 p.m., taking my compass with him to guard against contingency of fog on the ice cap tho' there is none there now. He got 19 aukks to-day. Ralph cut Mene's hair yesterday and he looks less like an Eskimo than before - more American. The edge of the ice foot is getting honeycombed.

2 June. Friday.

Clear and C2 with wind S.W. 2 at ga, later the wind was easterly and variably stronger.

Temp. min. $24\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; ga. 30° ; 12 m. 27° ; 4 p. 31° ; 8 p. 27°

End of melting ice to get water, for crew began filling tanks with water from the brook, digging through surface snow to get it.

Crew washed down deck this morning.

Finished St. Vincent work for the present and began the preparation of an account of the "Arctic Voyage of the 'George B. Cluett'" for publication.

Out for 3/4 hr. on ice and shore before dinner. Walking on the bay is tedious work now, the bare ice being too smooth and slippery for easy progress in kamiks, there being comparatively little hard snow and the soft snow being slushy and disagreeable. The little aukts allow one to come very close - within 5 yds or less, sometimes - before they rise in great whirling clouds which almost darken the air as they pass close to his head on their way out circling around the head of the bay. The burgoonmaster gulls cause great commotion among the little aukts, when they come near because they feed upon the little birds. The little aukts have several active enemies: the gulls; the foxes, which eat birds and young and eat their eggs, besides caching eggs for the winter; and mankind, both Esquimos and white, who get both birds and eggs. But there still are millions of the aukts, though but one egg is laid to a clutch. The crew, two of them, picked and Charley singed 178 little aukts to-day for our mess. It takes 3 apiece to go around (36 birds) and some of us would eat more if we got them. The captain rarely eats more than one. Mose & Norman got the extra ones left by him this afternoon - salt horse and salt pork for dinner.

3 June. Saturday.

Overcast (C4) Wind S.W. 1-2

Temp. min. 26°; 9a. 34°; 12m. 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ °; 4p. 34°; 8p. 31°

H.C.P. took observation at noon using artif. horizon.

Out for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. before dinner on cliffs, climbing up from new coal cache and coming down through big gash east of the igloo. Edge of bay ice seems to have come in somewhat since my last ascent and now is about $\frac{1}{4}$ mi. outside large berg, extending from point midway of Bird Cliff across bay to core inside of islet. Collected willow tree about four feet long to take home to Britton.

Auklets for off. & auklet stew & prunes for dinner.

H.C.P. went out to Norman's Gulch and re- (155)
turned saying that ice was more solid than it was
three weeks ago; this edge is under grotto where eskimos
were buried. Says its a mile outside the large bay.
"Won't go out before last of July, at this rate!"

But the grass shows an encouraging green over burned areas.

4 June. Sunday.

Overcast and rather thick. Light fine
snow falling. Wind S.W. 1-2

Temp. min. 29° ; 9a. $32\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 12m. 30° ; 4p. 32° ; 8p. 29°

Bft: cornmeal mush; fried bacon, scouse, bread, molasses
poor coffee. Dinner: little ants.

Day is chilly and uncomfortable, with the
breeze from the southwest (or W.) rather raw.

5 June. Monday.

Temp. min. $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9a. 36° ; 12m. 37° ; 4p. 36° ; 8p. 34°

C. 4. Calm and clear. Lt. W. variable wind p.m.
Rolled up sleeping bag and hung it from ceiling.
Have used it enjoyably for five months but its too warm now.
Photod H.C. P. in his full fur costume - Kakpetah
(Ahngwodoblaho) and bear skin pants (Peter)
Worked on Cluett voyage an hour or two and
then developed plates.

H.C.P. agreed to put my bags of salt on shore
and cover them with boards gratis.

Out 6-8p. for stroll on bay and shore. Ice a-
long edge of ice foot increasingly rotten.
Sea came up through crack near where the
crew were washing, abreast of the vessel.

Ben and Taylor got 15 sea pigeons near the big bluff.

6 June. Tuesday

Overcast and rather thick. Wind at 9a.,
S.E. 3-4, veering by 10:30 to N.W. (N?) 3-4, but lighter
by 3 p.m. and calm after 5 o'clock.

Temp. min. 30° ; 9a. 38° ; 10:30 a. 33° (with change of
wind); 12m. 34° ; 4p. 36° ; 8p. 32°

Did some work on "Cluett Voyage"

Found blankets rather cold and 156
heavy last night, after the sleeping bag, wh.
is so light with all its warmth.

Out for an hour on shore east of the igloo.
Inspected a tupic site well back on upper
beach which had evidently been used for a whole
season's residence years ago when caribou still
were gotten here. Big rock fragments which
had rolled down from the cliff were taken ad-
vantage of to form a wall, small stones and
turf being used to stop up the openings.
Perhaps the site is not as old after all, for
the caribou horns used in making the food
cache (?) were shed horns that were picked up
and utilized on account of their convenient
size and shape. Crude residences, these
Eskimo igloos and tupics.

Photographed (19, 1-8/35) the crew hoisting
a barrel of water from the brook on to the ship.

Several (9) seals were seen on the ice in
the southern part of the bay. After dinner Ben
and Taylor went out to try to get one. They
found that the seals had come up through
two (or more) holes which they had been
grawed (fixed H.C.P.) through the ice $\frac{2}{3}$ of the
way across from here. Captain felt in one
of the holes and said that the ice was rather
thin and that the sides proved the grawings.

Ben shot a ringonmaster gull. A beautiful bird.

7 June. Wednesday.

Began to snow about midnight and
has snowed heavily all day. N.E. gale (8)
blowing this morning, but wind lessened
in strength after noon. Strong S.W. outside at 4 p.m.
Temp. min. 27° ; 9a. 27° ; 12m. 32° ; 4p. 29° ; 8p. 29°
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Wind seemed to be westerly outside,
judging from sound of surf breaking
along the edge of the bay ice. A. windy
stormy day. Apparently the little arks

feel the coming of the storm, for they (157) were very wild yesterday afternoon and in the evening they all deserted the cliffs and went out to sea.

There is daily and several times daily, complaint on the part of the mate, Norman and the chief regarding the scanty amount of food provided. The mate is the worst kicker now and to-day he gave Charlie fits for eating up the birds left this morning from the number provided for us five, instead of going forward to get his own and leaving these for a snack here. Rather rough on Charlie and Norman defended him. ^{Fifteen} little anks were brought aft for our breakfast and Charlie reserved two forward for himself. Captain ate none, I three, mate four, chief ~~two~~ (2) and Norman ^{two}, leaving three on the platter. Captain told Charlie that he might have his (H.C.P.'s) share, so the boy cleared the platter, but saved one of his birds forward for Norman. The mate had had more than his share anyhow, hence there was no kick coming from him except as to the total number of birds cooked. It seems easy to start trouble on board a ship in the arctic, but things are more pleasant now than before the sun came back.

At 4 p.m. the wind at the ship ^{is} strong ($6\pm$) from the S.W. and it must be pretty heavy outside. Several ($6\pm$) inches soft wet snow now on deck & still moving hard.

Thursday. 8 June.

Thickly overcast at 9 a.m. but snow had ceased falling. Total 10-12 inches and H.C.P. considers this the heaviest snowfall of the year. Wind S. or S.E. 2-3 or more. Strong S.E. outside & snow or spray flying.

Temp. min 25° ; 9 a. 32° ; 12 m. 33° ; 4 p. 31° ; 8 p. 29°
Another day on board - tedious enough.
Got in some good time on "Cliff Voyage".

The little aukcs came back this morn.¹⁵⁸ but they returned to the open water at mid afternoon, and snow began to fall again about 4:30. They know!

Had baked sea pigeons with the little aukcs for dinner. Also good. One of the pigeons has on it about three times as much meat as a little auk has. Not so dark in color.

Light snow again from 4:30 to about 7 p.

9 June. Friday.

C 4. S.E. At noon less cloudy & wind strong⁴⁻⁵. Temp. min. $26\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9a. $32\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 12m. 31° ; 4p. 30° ; 9p. 27° . On board all day. Walking on the ice was too difficult and much of the time the wind was too high for comfort on the bay.

Mate building book shelves in captain's office.

Bft: anklets and sea pigeons, fried. DInner: salt horse - canned peaches for dessert.

Worked on "Cluett Voyage". On board all day.

10 June. Saturday.

Clear and almost cloudless, calm. C 1 later but practically no wind. Temp. min 26° ; 9a. 35° ; 12m. 32° ; 4p. 32° ; 8p. 26° . On board all day, the walking continuing difficult and wet. "Cluett Voyage" mate finished bookshelves + H.C.P. painted them. Little aukcs back on cliffs in greater numbers than ever. Ben alone got 154. Fifteen were caught in one swoop of his net but six of them got away from him. Total for crew 296. The captain is a tirelessly continuous talker without reference to whether one is reading or trying to work or not.

Ben reports greater numbers of little aukcs in Normans gulf than here, by thousands.

11 June. Sunday.

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Thickly overcast and calm at 9 a. Dull day till late afternoon. Brisk N.W. breeze began to blow about 4 p. and sky cleared of clouds by 7 p. Temp. min. 25° ; 9 a. 36° ; 10 a. 40° ; 12 m. 34° ; 4 p. 31° ; 8 p. 29° .

At 11 this morning the temp. had dropped back to 36° . The warm wave was sudden and short-lived.

Started out at noon for walk. Had a little jumping over cracks to do to get ashore at point where lumber is piled. Climbed cliff and walked a long brisk to prominent point half way to Norman's Gulch. Saw some yellow poppies and a new little white flower in addition to the flowers of the scurvy grass and willow which have already been noted. Edge of open water seems to be about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile outside the large bay berg, or $1\frac{3}{4}$ mi. from the vessel. The bay ice looks discouragingly solid and immovable, except for the pools of water now stretching almost continuously along the ice foot of the north shore of the bay. Outside, there is far more pack ice than open water in sight. Waded through lots of soft snow to the top of the hill and observed the same or worse ice conditions extending to the northwest. Got back to vessel at 4 o'clock after a rather fatiguing walk, but it was far better than the preceding four days confinement on board.

12 June. Monday.

Clear and cloudless at 9 a.m. with wind strong (*6) from N. or N.E. Clouded over the middle of day but clearer again in latter part of afternoon. Much strong wind at times and vessel rocking a little. But oh how cold it holds! Temp. min 24° ; 9 a. 30° ; 12 m. 31° ; 4 p. 33° ; 8 p. 31°

Outboard all day, on account of blistered heel resulting from yesterday's tramp in rubber moccasins with Kamiks inside them. Worked on Clift article and read in "Great Expectations".

13 June.

Tuesday.

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S.W. 2-3 at 9 a.m. changing soon to

Cloudless and more or less C 4 at intervals. Wind N.-N.E. 5-6 at 9 a.m. becoming variable in direction and strength later.

Temp. Min 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ $^{\circ}$; 9 a.m. 35 $^{\circ}$; 12 m. 37 $^{\circ}$; 4 p.m. 35 $^{\circ}$; 8 p.m. 32 $^{\circ}$

Chief connected up the toilets in my room and the bathroom this morning and the captain had the latter room thoroughly cleaned. Out for short walk on bay and shore, but the walking was not good and my heel hindered. Stepped into a hidden hole in the bay ice 2' or so deep. Water came in over tops of kamiks. Cold, all right. These holes, hidden under the mantle of the recent heavy snow, are a source of danger on the bay ice and the pools between bay ice and ice foot make it increasingly difficult to get ashore near the ship. Chief took another series of photos of me in my furs.

Copy of memo. in re. Dr. Hunt's work.

Bacteriology: Investigation of infectious sputum was carried on but brought out no new new facts. Infections probably those which were brought up by white men. No tuberculosis in the tribe but other infections come in and are readily taken and severely taken by Eskimos. Feces are rather more common than among whites at home.

Microscopic exam. blood white + Eskimos no. of red corpuscles high. Haemoglobin up to 100 on standard scale.

Collected 3 musk ox skins and heads & two bears for specimens + his Eskimos brought in 2 musk ox specimen skins & heads

14 June. Wednesday.

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Calm
Clear and almost cloudless morning - Some high cirrus clouds in afternoon.
Locally lying water fog in the distant west.
Temp. min. 23° ; 9a. 33° ; 12m. 32° ; 4p. 28° ; 8p. 26°
Out on shore for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hr photographing birds
on cliffs and talus etc. Developed a dozen plates in the afternoon.

Heavy wind from E. S. E. (fide H.C.P.) sprang up at noon. Blew fiercely till latter part of afternoon and then died down.

Mate broke up our three-handed pinochle game this evening by his fault finding. He had the game all right but was so sorely because I told Norman to lead his queen of hearts to me when it made not a particle of difference to the mate, since he had no hearts or trumps and I had the highest heart and because neither Norman nor I would out bid him at the end when he (mate) was 990 that we threw down our hands. The mate broke up the poker games last winter in a similar babyish fashion, and once before in pinochle gathered up the cards and refused to let the game go on because he was getting wretched hands. Well - it is a relief to me to have the card playing stop, I was getting awfully tired of it anyhow. He is a fine man, honest and straightforward and I really like him better than any other member of the crew, but he has an awful temper and hates to lose games or even tricks worse than any other man I ever played with I think. Many is the time that I have lost to him just to keep him good natured. Captain says - "No more cards in the cabin"

15 June. Thursday.

Clear and almost cloudless till 9 o'clock, but soon clouded over and

several snow squalls came during ⁽¹⁶²⁾
rest of day. Wind S.E. or E.S.E., and
heavy (5 to 7 or 8) all day.

Temp. min. 24° ; 9a. 32° ; 12m. 32° ; 4p. 32° ; 8p. 31° .
Extremely disagreeable, with lots of driving
snow in the air at times. We hope that
the gale, combined with the spring tides to-
day, may have done some damage to our
bay ice. But we want warmer weather!

On board all day. Got in some work on the
"Cluett" article. Captain Pickels raffled
off his watch (Waltham, 17 jewel, gold-filled case) a-
mong the crew on 64 tickets ranging from
1¢ to 64¢ total \$20.80. H.C.P. himself drew
out the numbers and Taylor won the ticket.
There was some grumbling of course among
the unsuccessful ones, because the captain
took so long to find the last number in the can,
but I could not see anything crooked in the case.
Every number was drawn. I went down to
the forepeak to see the drawing, although I had
no interest whatever in the result.

Little aukos for bft. and dinner. Dried peaches
for dessert at dinner.

Wind less violent at 8 o'clock than before.

16 June. Friday.

Clear & cloudless all day, but overcast
in evening (8p.) Heavy easterly wind 3-4
a., dying down by 6a. Calm at 9a and
that or nearly so all day.

Temp. min. 28° ; 9a. 35° ; 12m. 40° ; 4p. 38° ; 8p. 35°
Had chief take photos of me in furs again,
the preceding set being somewhat out of focus.
Noon to 3p. on cliffs, going up by gulch
east of igloo. Lovely day and beautiful
outlook from top of cliff. Blue sea and
lots of open water, but does it get any nearer?
mate got 133 little aukos, and norman 40 with
his new net & total for crew is more than \$100
New 148 Senior 146

17 June. Saturday.

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Clear, cloudless, calm. A perfect day.
Temp. min. 27° ; 9 a. 37° ; 12 m. 38° ; 2 p. 42° ; 3 p. 43° ;
4 p. 39° ; 8 p. $39\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.

On board reading, writing and caring for negatives except for an hour or more in mid-afternoon spent in going to the gulch east of Pudtlaik's igloo to photograph little arks. Not well satisfied with the flights that I saw, but I exposed 6 plates.

Sky was partly cloudy and wind was moderately strong from the S.E. in the evening. Cow flicked, wiped and cleaned 333 little arks today. Mate made some iron-shod poles for use in pushing ice.

18 June. Sunday.

Overcast and almost raining. Wind S.E. 7-8. a real good gale that ought to do some damage to the ice, for the tide last night and to day is extra high. Norman reported this morning that it flooded over the ~~top of the~~ ^{rock shore} blown parts of the beach last night. Temp. 4 a. 43°
Temp. min. 36° ; 9 a. 39° ; 12 m. 38° ; 4 p. 36° ; 8 p. 36°

Norman and the chief went ashore at the lumber point with some difficulty. Chief brought back several blossoms of the yellow Arctic poppy. Last year the Crocker Land letters reached the Museum on 19 June, hence I am hoping that my letters reached you yesterday. But I do not know that they have even left Greenland. The uncertainties of this life here are trying! Charlie got into water above his boot tops, broke this into a crack.

19 June. Monday.

C1. Wind S1, veering to W1-2 at 10 a. Calm at 12 m. Ld & variable W. in p. m.

Temp. min. 30° ; 9a. 40° ; 4p. 36° ; 8p. 39° (164)

Yesterday's wind removed snow from ice where the cover was thin and made the walking good there. Elsewhere on bay the snow is thick and soft and footing very bad. Some more hours of ice seem to have gone from the edge of the ice, but the process is slow. Encouraging melting going on along line of water coming up through cracks along ice foot of northern shore, where melting is helped by brooks from the gullies. Was out for an hour along shore and on shoulder of cliff above lumber point. Poppies already getting abundant.

Norman and Taylor went seal hunting along the south shore, but the animals were too quick for them though each ventured a shot. They went out to the edge of the ice and then along the dangerous ice foot to where the "Puisse Tidicksua" is cached. They report new cracks and encouraging looks of the ice. abundance of birds on the water. Ben went out to Norman's gull and big bluff and got several sea pigeons but could not go to where the murres are.

Put in four + hours on "Cluett Voyage"

20 June. Tuesday.

Overcast and foggy. Calm in morning but strong easterly wind sprang up in late afternoon. Looked bad on ice cap. Snow. Temp. min. 31° ; 9a. 35° ; 12 m. 34° ; 4p. 34° ; 8p. 34°

Mene, Egingwah, Ahnuquodoblahs and Inuk's son Echingwa (?) came in about 10 a.m. from Umanak, Egingwah bringing letters from Elk and Peter and from Rasmussen, who arrived at North Star Bay on the 17th, bringing mail from New York which he sent down to me. Most welcome - but the news that my beloved mother passed away on 16 December saddens me. 35 letters & one telegram!

21 June. Wednesday.

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It. snow

Overcast & foggy at 9 a., with wind S.W. 3-4.
Very soon cleared and wind shifted to N.W. and
lessened in force. A beautiful day. Strong N.E. 2:15 pm -
Temp. min. $31\frac{1}{2}$; 9 a. 32° ; 12 m. 40° ; 4 p. 41° ; 8 p. $37\frac{1}{2}$

Too windy and snowy for Eskimos to leave last
night, as they intended to do, but Ahngoodolako
and the boy got away for Cape York about 11 a.m.,
and Egingwah and Mene left about noon,
Mene walking on ahead for a while. I rode out
with Egingwah until we overtook Mene about
a mile from the schooner, when I left them and
walked over to the high hills bordering the Ch-
ett Glacier on the north along its lower course.
Found a ledge of quartzite there dipping $15-20^{\circ}$
N. and overlying the gneisses. Returned through
the moraine and along the edge of the glacier, partly
on the moraine. Went out in my Iceland sweat-
er without netsha or mittens, since I did
not expect to make the excursion. Was per-
fectly comfortable until after 2 o'clock, when
the wind, which had been light from S.W. & N.W.,
suddenly shifted to N.E. and was very keen. Walking
and sledging on the trail up to the ice cap was
difficult and fatiguing on account of the
softness of the snow. Wanted to go to North Star Bay
but decided not to on account of the laborious walk-
ing and Dr. Huntington's positive advice, sent down
again by EK, not to undertake the trip as it
was too strenuous on account of my physical
condition. Sent my camera outfit to EK by
Egingwah as follows: graflex complete with my
Zeiss lens, graphic box, telephoto attachment, wide
angle lens (mms), tripod, changing bag, 20
dozen plates, some developing material.

The wind which began to blow about 2 p.m.
from N.E. soon became strong and by 4 o'clock
was high and gusty. Glad I did not under-
take the ice cap, though it may not be blowing
so hard up there. Read my letters all through
again and enjoyed them, all the news being
good except that about mother and Elizabeth.
The latter died in Norway of consumption about
the middle of February.

22 June. Thursday. (166)

Clear and cloudless with light air (S1)
at 9 a. The heavy northeaster died out about
7 a. but came back again with force
about 10 a. and blew with near force at
intervals till mid afternoon. Then
died out again. Clear and cloudless all day -
Temp. min. 30°; 9 a. 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ °; 12 m. 40°; 4 p. 40°

Crew slushed down the masts. Made line
from port quarter fast to the ice.

I repacked my trunks to get into one every-
thing that I might wish to take with me if I
were to leave the "Cluett" and into the other
only what might be left on board without
inconvenience. Also packed up box for
Ekblaw with spare underwear, tobacco, &c.
ready to go to Umanak by Peter or whoever
comes over with Captain Conner.

Have been wishing all week to climb the
plateau and see the midnight sun, but
Sunday, Monday & Tuesday nights were
cloudy or stormy and last night the
gale was too strong for me to attempt it -

May go up to-night. Sun at max decl. now.

(23 June) Did go up and had a fine little ex-
cursion. Left vessel at 10:30 p. + me, went ashore
near the igloo and ascended the big gully $\frac{1}{4}$ mi
or more east of Pudlak's. Easy route over grass, moss
and mostly small stones and earth with not many
large areas of big angular blocks to high knoll. Rather
cold in the shadow of the cliffs and mountain. 33°
on board when I left and cooler on shore, because moss
was frozen and ice was forming on the little pools. When
I got up to the edge of the plateau I saw the men building
the cairn on the brow of the cliff overlooking the
vessel, but I did not go toward them then. H.C.P.,
Ralph, Ben, Taylor and Charlie had left the vessel
before 8 o'clock to go up and build the cairn
and be there at midnight on this, one of the two
"longest days" of the year. I kept on toward my
knoll till 11:35, when I was at elevation 1050 ft. a-
bout 300 yards from top. The view was beautiful,

with lots of open blue water in sight (167)
toward the N. and S. Oh, to think of that 13 $\frac{1}{4}$
mi. of firm bay ice that keeps us from util-
izing it! The cairn was finished and I could
hear the men shouting to me, though they were
fully a mile away. I gave an answering shout,
which they did not hear, and perceiving by my
watch that the proposed photo had probably
not been taken I started toward them. Reach-
ed the cairn at 11:58 and the captain took one
picture with me in the group. Then I took
one with him in it. The cairn is conical
in shape and 7 or 8 ft. high. I could not take
any pictures for myself, because I have no
more films and I sent my Graphex camera
to Etah on Tuesday. The shadow of the cliff lies
1/3 way across the bay and the sun's rays do
not strike even the trucks of the vessel's masts.
Could see some ducks and gulls on the surface of
the fresh water pond behind the beach on the south
side of the flat. Picked some poppies near
the cairn under the light of the midnight
sun. Very little wind (N.E.) on the plateau
and the whole scene was beautiful. Sun is
about 10° above the northern horizon and is
well above the mountains between us and
North Star Bay, but its rays come at too low
an angle to have much heating effect.
We all came down a gully in the face of the
cliff, I being the last to leave at about
12:10 a.m. Reached the "Cluett" at 12:30. (33°)

23 June. Friday.

Clear, cloudless; calm, or light variable
winds from S.E. or S. in a.m. and moderate
from W. in afternoon. Calm evening.
Temp. min. 28°; 9a. 34°; 12m. 39°; 4p. 33°; 8p. 35°

On board writing letters &c. Went out for an hour
on bay ice along northern shore before dinner.
Lots of concealed holes in the ice - stepped into
three, going down 1/2 ft. into one. Precarious footing
along the open cracks where water has undercut for
2-3 ft. leaving weak shelf of 4" porous ice -

Chief brought in some purple heather (168) from the flat this noon. Taylor found the first eggs (2) of the season. May be we shall have some for breakfast Sunday morning.

24 June. Saturday.

Clear & cloudless. Light S. or S.E. wind at 9 a.m. but calm later and light to moderate N.E. during part of afternoon.

Temp. min. 28° ; 9 a.m. 37° ; 12 m. 36° ; 4 p.m. 34° ; 8 p.m. 35° .

Charlie & Norman washed cabin walls and ceiling to great improvement of the room.

Chief washed my bearskin pants for me - quite a job. Gave him 10 cigars, since he has still to dry and rub them.

From 12 to 4 was out geologizing on cliffs and in gulch next east of Pudlak's igloo.

Temp. on shore - shade near igloo 43° , sun 47° ; shade in gulch 42° ; on top 750-800' A.T. 34° .

Found Huronian quartzite in gulch and on plateau, see notebook. Greenland 2, pp. 16 & 17.

Two or three days ago H.C.P. told me that he came up the Greenland coast, when he was a very young man as navigator on a halibut fisherman, as far as off Upernivik but did not make the coast anywhere except at a small bight close to Egedesminde.

This afternoon at 3:30 I took the altitude of the base of the cairn as 760' A.T. Measured the cairn as being 7' 3" high on eastern side.

The crew are having lots of fun hunting for little-ank eggs, but they do not find many yet and they have to move tons of rocks to get those.

Had a sea pigeon each in addition to little anks for dinner. The meat is coarser and not so good in flavor as that of the little ank. Liver brown in color.

Flowers of several kinds are becoming more abundant. Mosses not ready for collecting.

To-day H.C.P. asked me to sell him some of my (A9) tobacco. Quite a change of front since 4 May, when he declared with an oath that he would not take any of it under any circumstances either by gift or sale! And it is too late now, having disposed of what I had left over from the coal transaction, except 11 little flags, which, as I told the captain, I am reserving for emergencies. Hence there is none for him now.

25 June. Sunday.

Scattered cirrus clouds at 9 a., but sky became overcast by 10 o'clock. Light E or S.E. air at 9 a., increasing to moderate breeze by noon. Strong N.W. Temp. min. 28°; 9 a. 37°; 10:30 a. 44°; 12 m. 39½°; 4 p. 36° '8 p. 35°

Some sensible swell affected vessel last evening. Strong easterly (S.E.?) wind in afternoon with heavy snow squall from 4 to 5 o'clock, and occasional spits of snow later.

On board all day, writing letters &c. Reading in "Last of the Mohicans"

Had some little auk eggs at breakfast. They are very palatable. Yolk is rather red in color, and the white is rather translucent when boiled hard. The egg is about half as heavy as an ordinary hen egg, and is pale greenish blue in color. It is very large in comparison with the size of the bird. The eggs are laid on the ground in the crevices of the cliffs and between the rocks of the talus slope. Normal number of eggs in a clutch is just one, and the mother bird fights to protect it or seeks to draw it away into a place of greater security from pursuit. Ben and Taylor each caught a bird yesterday just as she was about to lay and each squeezed the egg out of his bird. Forceful parturition!

Little auk pot-pie, with underdone dumplings, bread, prunes, molasses and tea for dinner. Stormy evening.

26 June. Monday.

(170)

Partly cloudy (C4), with light S.E. wind and occasional snow squalls in the morning. Clear afternoon and strong gusty wind. Temp. Min. 38°; 9a. 37°; 12m. 36°; 4p. 35°; 8p. 32°

Worked on "Cluett Voyage". Read in "Last of the Mohicans". Took a half hour's walk on bay ice before dinner, but did not go far in either direction on account of bad walking, there being many concealed as well as open holes, much slush and many pools of water on the ice. Increase since Saturday.

There seems to be much or at any rate some discontent among the crew, over the bird-catching and egg-collecting business. H.C.P. has praised Ben and Taylor so much that they have gotten the big head. This morning they had lots of eggs for breakfast, but would not give Mac Dougal any because he had not been out getting any though he had been plucking birds for the general use. He has not eaten any meat or birds for months, but Ben ate 18 eggs and Taylor a dozen, while Mac Dougal had nothing but bread and molasses, mush and coffee, sitting beside them. Norman gave the forecastle fits about their hogfishness. Where and when will all this acrimonious debate end? I don't want to hear anything about "grub" or "tobaccos" for ten years after I get home.

We had quite a laugh on Norman a day or two because he spoke in all seriousness about the "paws" of the little arks. To-day the laugh was on the chief for talking about a "litter" of chickens.

An awful lot of stones have to be moved in hunting for the eggs. A good many last year's eggs have been found.

To-day the mate brought in 38, Norman 14, (171)
Ben 89, Fiander 46; Taylor 54, Ralph 30, H.C. P. 4
Chief 5 Charlie 10 - 291 in all. Ben
found two eggs under one bird. Mate found
two last year's eggs together in several instances.

27 June. Tuesday.

Overcast and thick. Sun tried to shine
a little while this morning but very success-
fully. Strong easterly (S.E.) wind most of
day, at times rising to force of a gale -
Rain mingled with snow several hours.
Temp. min. 30°; 9a. 36½°; 12m. 38°; 4p. 34°; 8p. 32°.
On board all day, writing letters mostly.
Finished "Last of the Mohicans" last night.
Crew took life boat on board today.
Ice and snow have melted a good deal
in past 24 hrs., rain helping the
process. Many pools of water to be
seen on bay ice in every direction.
Jolly boat is floating in such a pool -
Baked murres in addition to little auklets
for dinner. Flavor is like that of duck.

28 June. Wednesday.

Clear and cloudless but yesterday's
easterly gale continued all night and
until latter part of afternoon.

Temp. min. 31°; 9a. 36°; 12m. 37½°; 4p. 35°; 8p. 32°
Sorted correspondence and made out list of C.L.E.,
Mrs. + personal property on board the "Cluett"
After dinner went up on cliffs east of igloo
hunting birds' eggs but found none. Went
on up to plateau and around to second eastern
green geological, then crossed flat at head of bay
and went along beach to outlet of southern pond.
All three the outlets of all three ponds now cut open-
ly across the ice foot. Ice foot is much chan-

neled and honey combed along the (172) cracks which developed during the winter. The middle outflowing stream has done much the most cutting thus far. Saw two seals in the pool outside the beach, one of wh. came into the inner basin. Saw 50 or 60 eider ducks and a dozen or 15 gulls at the southern basin.

Chief told me yesterday that Hoc. P. made some ill natured, sneering remarks the other day about my packing up the C.L.E. books to send to Ekblaw. What a surly disposition the captain has! He always has something nasty to say about everyone, except Dr. Grenfell and Dr. Little and he has ventured some criticisms regarding Dr. Grenfell.

This has been another good egg day, but the lastest time is almost over. The mate himself got 106 today and the total of all hands to date is 85 dozen. Seal beside vessel.

28 June. Thursday.

Overcast, thick, stormy. Wind E. or S.E. 1-2 at 9a., but soon afterward heavy easterly gale began to rage. Latter part of afternoon wind shifted to S.W. and was moderately strong. E. again in evening. Heavy rain 7-8 a.m., rain and snow at intervals afterward.

Temp. min 30°; 9a. 40°; 12 m. 36°; 4p. 36°; 8p. 35°

Disagreeable day, but we hope and think that damage is being done to the ice.

Went up onto knoll after dinner to look out over bay. Water line seems nearer to the big central berg than it was two or three wks. ago, but clearance by that means looks hopeless.

Cook was moved up into the deck gallery after dinner. (He went down 21 October) He complained bitterly about coming up, just as he did last October about going down - Aneroid makes knoll 200 ft above bay.

Gale from south struck us about 9 p.m. 1/73
and raged furiously outside the bay. H.C.P.
Calls it a "teaser, all right!"

30 June Friday.

Cloudy (C4) up to 10 a.m. then scattering cirrus clouds till late afternoon when cirro-stratus became thick. Fine day. S.E. 3 at 9 a., but N.W. 3-4 from 10 a. on changing back to E. or S.E. late in afternoon. Some heavy westerly wind last night all night. This drove pack this way and ice is jammed outside the bay as far as one can see.

Temp. min. $32\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9 a. 41° ; 12 m. $35\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 4 p. 40° ; 8 p. 36°

Wrote letters to Ekblaw, Demarell, Reeds. Walked on bay ice and shore east of igloo for more than an hour before dinner. Some of the holes in the ice seem to be getting larger and deeper, though I have none over 4 feet in depth ($3'9"$ of water) except one month ago which penetrated the ice.

Usual depths now are 2', 2'6", 3' of water. Several varieties of sea weed rooted in the holes. Seal came up in hole alongside vessel.

Canned pease Corned beef for dinner. We're out of little ankles and they are becoming hard to catch with the nets. Egg season is over.

About 10:30 p.m. Capt. Corner and Egingwah arrived from Umanak. Evidently rather hard walking, but Captain Corner made light of it and said that I ought to have gone over there for a time anyhow.

Ekblaw's letter informs me that Mene has apparently made an arrangement with Captain Pickels for going to the States on the "Cluett". I had a hint of this plan this morning from Norman.

1 July. Saturday.

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Overcast and thick. A strong gale began to rage about 1 o'clock this morning and has continued all day. ^{Some rain} E. or S.E. 8 to 9 + gusty. 10. Temp. min 33°; 9a. 37°; 12m. 40°; 4p. 38°; 8p. 37°. The storm has been too severe to permit Eginguash to start back to Umanak today. Wrote letters to Ekblaw, Rasmussen, Peter & Hunt. The wind has had great effect in softening and melting the surface of the ice and making pools. The report is that some ice has been driven off from the edge of the bay. Usual report! Captain Conner advises me to have nothing to say to Captain Pickels against Mene's going south on the "Cheatt". I have not been consulted in the matter and my silence will not compromise the Museum in any way, since I can not prevent H.C.P.'s doing as he pleases, whereas I might easily communicate the Museum's wishes with reference to the charter party by making any effort to control the use of the vessel in any way.

Inclosed letters for Pres. Osborn and Mr. Sherwood in packet going to Ek at Umanak

2 July. Sunday.

Another severely stormy day. Wind E. or S.E. 8-9. Considerable rain. Gusty.

Temp. min $36\frac{1}{2}$ °; 9a. $41\frac{1}{2}$ °; 12m. 40°; 4p. 36° ; 8p. $34\frac{1}{2}$ °. Are glad that the heavy storm continues. Mate came in after making new mooring for the bowlines, which had been torn loose from the ice, and remarked "Gee! It's only just begun to blow" Much more water in pools on the ice than appeared yesterday. Some more ice said to be gone outside, but the "bugbear berg" holds its place in the middle of the bay $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. from the ship. Eginguash still here. For bft.

we had the usual cornmeal, molasses, bread, (175 coffee and curry of mutton or beef with pick.)
Dinner: stew of combined little arks and mutton.
Late in evening asked H.C. P. regarding truth
of report that Mene was going out on the "Cleett".
He said that he was going to take Mene along
as a hunter, signed on as a regular member
of the crew, and discharge him in Canada
(or perhaps Newfoundland?) I raised no objection
of course, having no right to raise any,
but I said that I was very sorry that Mene
was going on Mene's own account as well
as on account of his former friends in the
States. H.C.P. said that he incurred no liability
under the immigration laws of
either Canada or America, because he had
the right to sign on foreigners and discharge
them on arrival at destination, by doing so before
the shipping commissioner and paying a
fee of \$2.

3 July. Monday.

Overcast. Thick and snow squally
at times. Southeasterly (or E?) storm
continues with renewed strength. Wind
varied from 7 to 9 in force - snowing
Temp. min. 32° ; 9a. 37° ; 12m. $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 4p. $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 8p. 35° .
Egingwah went out and shot a seal near a
hole not far from the edge of the ice. The crew
went out and dragged the carcass in over
the ice with a rope.

Bft: mutton scouse.

Dinner: seal ~~and~~ flippers and liver plus corned beef.
Snowing hard 8-8:30 p.m. and wind
become very light. Some more light
snow fell during the night.

4 July. Tuesday. (176)

Cloudy. Wind S.E. 3 and variable. Some calm hours. Flurry of snow about 11 a.m.
Temp. min. 33° ; 9a. 38° ; 12m. 36° ; 4p. 37° ; 8p. 34°

Not a wholly pleasant day, but a great relief from the last three days of storm.

Egingwah got another seal for us. It takes an Eskimo to be successful in hunting seals.

Fourth was celebrated by the addition of plum duff and raisins to the dinner menu. Had little ants for breakfast.

Out for $\frac{3}{4}$ hr on bay ice w. Capt. Conner before dinner.

Captain Conner this morning, after reading Dr. Hunt's written opinions regarding my physical condition and ability to make journey to Umanak, agreed with me in thinking that it was not best for me to go over to North Star Bay now but that I was doing right in staying here and going out on the "Cluett" if she break out before the arrival of the relief steamer; or transferring both of us and all Museum and expedition property from the schooner to the steamer, if the latter should come before we are released from Parker Snow Bay.

G.C. reports that Peter says that a tidal wave visited this region in the spring or early summer of 1912, moving heavy stones ~~etc~~ and big pieces of turf up the beach at Saunders Island and flooded some turpits.

5 July. Wednesday.

Beautiful day, clear, but C4 in earlier part of day, almost cloudless though afternoon. Calm or nearly so. N.W. 2-3 outside. Temp. min. 31° ; 9a. 39° ; 12m. 38° ; 12:30 p. $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 4p. $37\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 8p. 42° . Egingwah started for Umanak at about 10:30 this morning.

Went ashore with Captain corner 177
to old traps site on shore and then went
to Ahngnudobah's old igloo, taking three
photos with his camera. Then I left him,
went on along the shore to about a half mile
west of vessel, where I ascended a big gully to
the plateau and then along brink of cliffs
to western border of Norman's Gulch, where
I staid on the rocks in the sun for half hour
looking over sea and ice and writing. Then
back across plateau and down cliff above
the lumber, getting back to the ship at 4:20.
After dinner had a long private talk with
Captain corner in the course of which I became
satisfied and I think that bedid that Ekblaw
had been straightforward in his dealings
with me, regarding my going over to North
Star Bay. I was particular about this
because G.C. had said this morning, and
before, that "they" had been "pulling the
wool" over my eyes, and he meant
and thought that Ek had intentionally
managed things so that I should not
go over to Umanak. I showed him that
Ek had arranged matters twice so that
I could go, if I thought best, but that
Dr. Hunt's positive advice was against
my going, at first on account of bad
conditions over there and later on ac-
count of the too difficult or severe na-
ture of the journey and the uncertainty
of getting back to the "Cluett" if she were
to break out of the ice before the arrival
of the steamer.

6 July. Thursday.

Clear and cloudless at 9a, but clouded
over by noon. N.E. 4 inc to 5 & 6 - gusty -
Temp. min. 28° ; 9a. 37° ; 1/2 m. $33\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 4p. 35° ; 8p. 35° +
wind moderate.

Onboard all day on account of heavy

cold wind. Captain Comer was ashore (178) digging at the old igloos for a time, but without finding anything of value to-day.

Sent word to Ralph that I would accept his offer of \$5 for my rubber boots, but when he came aft to look at them, I staid out of the cabin purposely and H.C.P. sold him for \$5²⁵ a pr. of expedition boots wh. he had bought from me for \$4. According to Norman H.C.P. said that he woud not give 30 cents for mine. Not good for ship use, I presume. But H.C.P. tried a few minutes later, after Norman and Ralph had gone out, to buy mine for \$4 for himself. I woud not sell them for less than \$5, the price made to Ralph, and the captain wld not take them. As I told him, the boots cost me \$6.75 and I can turn them back to A. & F. and get full price. H.C.P. is on the make all right. He charged me full price of 75¢ for a slop chest sou'wester which Norman says ought not to cost but 50¢

A very disagreeable afternoon on account of the cold wind off the ice cap -

7 July. Friday.

Cloudless till after noon but increasing cloudy from 3 o'clock on. Wind S 2 at 9 a. but soon veered to W. or S. W. and became strong and gusty. H.C.P. spoke of the wind as the heaviest that we had had from that quarter. Variable in direction & force.

Temp. min. 30°; 9a. 47°; 12m. 45°; 3p. 50°; 4p. 47°; 8p.

This has been the warmest day that we have had since coming in here. The warmth and the westerly wind must have done some damage to the ice! Worked a goodly bit on "Clift Voyage"

Told Captain Pickels that I should wish to be transferred to steamer with all expedition and museum property in case the steamer shld. arrive before we break out. He thought that it might be hard work to get things out across the ice. I said that I knew

that and that I was willing to pay (179) the crew for the work. He admitted that the ice-kamatic might be re-shod for the job.

Between 3 & 4 p. I went on shore and collected a small box of mosses from the gentle slope 200 yds ± east of the igloo. Brook running down the gully east of the igloo is very strong today. It has cut its channel through the snow to within 20-25 yards of the cliff.

Little ant + murre stew for dinner.

I raised a great laugh to-day by saying that the hares which I saw scurrying up the face of the bluff at Hartstone Bay on 15 Sept. last looked like a flurry of snow.

8 July. Saturday.

Thirty overcast at 9 a. and wind from N scarcely perceptible. At 2 a.m. the wind was blowing a "regular twister" from the E and temperature 41° according to the mate. At 4 a.m. the thermometer stood at 43° according to the chief.

Temp. min. $36\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9 a. 38° ; 12 m. $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 4 p. 38° ; 8 p. 36°

Chief went ashore directly after breakfast to continue his search for the nest and eggs of the knot (*Tringa canutus*) which he understands to be worth \$500, but he is looking for them on the flat at the head of the bay.

South wind blowing strongly in gusts from 10:30 on, beginning to rain at noon. Taylor brought in a seal at noon, which he shot from the beach midway between the middle and southern brooks. Not much rain -

Three hours or more on "Clarett Voyage". After dinner Captain Conner and I walked over to the Tongue Glacier beside the Nunatak glacier, going across the bay ice to

the middle of the beach and return. (180) ing across the flat to near the iglos before striking the bay again. Walking on bay ice is excellent, winding about between the pools. Noted the granular texture of the glacier ice. Very little water flowing from the southern arm of the Unnatak Glacier, but rather more from the northern arm. Strong stream, six to ten feet wide and four to six inches deep coming from the Cluest Glacier and another perhaps equally strong stream flowing from the ice cap through the valley up which the route to Unnatak lies. Many flowers - purple heather (?), purple saxifrage (peppermint), yellow poppy, yellow buttercup (?), light violet honeysuckle (?), white bell like flower on stiff resinous plant which is used by Eskimos for fuel when oil is absent, &c. &c. A good walk of four or five miles, but easterly wind off the glacier was strong and piercing and we passed through a light flurry of snow.

9 July. Sunday.

C 4. Clear. Almost cloudless from mid-afternoon on. Light southerly breeze (52) at 9a and light variable or calm all day. Beautiful day. Temp. min $35\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9a. 43° ; 12m. 45° ; 4p. 42° ; 6p. 48° ; 8p.

Chief flared up this morning over my asking Norman (who appeared with clean shaven face, except upper lip) if he was trying to rival the chief. Now the chief shaved off his beard a few days ago, leaving the moustache, and he has gotten a great deal of chaffing from the cabin regarding his appearance, in which however I have joined but little. This morning he cursed us all for gitting him and said he'd eat at a separate table &c. He was so ugly and swore so much that H.C.P. went for him hard and made him stop talking.

The grate of the cabin stove has (181)
lost a piece, and the hole has to be stopped
with loose pieces of iron. The old thing is
getting feebler day by day.

Went out with Captain Corner col-
lecting mosses in the two queches east of Pudt-
lak's igloo. I have my series now for Mrs. Streeter

10 July. Monday.

C2 this morning clearing to cloudless
in afternoon. Wind S 3 in morning but lighter
and variable in afternoon, calm evening.
Temp. min. 33° ; 9a. 42° ; 12 m. 43° ; 4p. 42° ; Sp. 44° .

Knud Rasmussen, Peter Frenchen
and Lauge Koch, with Harrigan, ^{Tobias} Boeseman & a South Greenland Eskimo,
arrived about midnight last night from
Umanak. I was already asleep but
Captain Pickels called me and I got
up dressed and talked with the men
till 2a.m., then went to bed again and
did not go to sleep till about 6 and
was awake once more at 8 for all
day. Mr. Rasmussen offered to
take me and what baggage I
needed with me to N.S.B., so that
I might await the steamer there.
During the watches of the night
I thought the whole matter over
and decided to accept the offer
and to take Captain Corner with me
it being now so late and the Chest
being so unmanageable under
sail in the ice that it seemed cer-
tain that the schooner would not reach
America much if at all in ad-
vance of the steamer. Conver-
sation with Captain Corner and
Mr. Rasmussen to-day has con-

firmed me in this decision. (182)
I find K. R. a delightful man to meet.

11 July. Tuesday.

Clear & cloudless. Wind S $\frac{1}{2}$ at ship, but N.W. on plateau.
Temp. min $31\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$; 9 a. 46° ; 12 m 41° ; 4 p. 43° .
Finished packing and completed business with Captain Pickels, leaving letters for him to forward per paid and list of all Exhd. & Mns. & per. property remaining on board Cluett.
Amount of baggage rather staggered Peter but Rasmussen was game for it and at about 11 p.m. two komatiks took it all to the beach without accident, though the sledge loaded with the Etah boxes started to slide back down the ice foot. I was standing alone by it and grabbed the point of one runner, lifting it a little and an instant later the rear corners of the runners caught in the snow and stopped the descent of the sledge. I left the ship a minute in advance of Peter and Captain Conner (?) after a very cordial farewell from all the crew and a sufficiently hearty parting with Captain Pickels (in the cabin). As we three were walking across the ice, the crew gave us a rousing cheer and Mene (?) fired a salute from his rifle. The packages were rearranged and loaded onto the six sledges - Rasmussen using my sleeping bag to help make his sledge a very comfortable place for me to ride. Peter took Captain Conner on his sledge and was the first one to start from in front of the igloos at

12 July, Wednesday. 12:20 a.m. followed with in ten minutes by all the others. I walked across the high beach and the first brook (coming from the first gulch east of the igloo) and along the snow beside the large brook until Rasmussen. I jumped on and rode the whole distance to the ice of North Star Bay, just as Rasmussen had said that I should, though the snow was soft on

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the upgrade to the highest ridge of the ice cap (along the trail c.e.) we reached the summit at 2:30 a.m. and my aneroid gave the elevation as being 2050 feet above the sea. The sky was overcast so thickly that we could not even determine the position of the sun, but the atmosphere was not thick and the cloudiness was advantageous for our eyes. View from summit is very extensive and I was sorry not to able to stop longer for its enjoyment. Much open water along the shore and for 30-35 miles, but beyond that was a solid field of ice as far as the eye could see, from the Cape York region northward the nev'e field of the Petouik Glacier is several miles across and it took us nearly two hours to traverse it. Nunataks project through the ice cap some miles to the east of the trail & indicate that we are not on the main continental cap. From the northern portion of the Petouik nev'e and beyond, I got a good look at the maze of summits and gorges in the Cape athletic district. More strongly than before did I realize the foolhardiness of the undertaking of Norman & Taylor to walk to Umanak on 2 & 7 February. After we reached the summit we encountered a moderate north-northeastly or northeasterly breeze which was so keen that I soon asked Rasmussen to stop and let me put on my sweater under my netsha. Then I was all right and comfortable again. The cloudy sky made the surface of the ice cap much softer and more difficult for the dogs than it was under the clear sky which favored Ras. Rasmussen's downwind trip. The level of the Petouik nev'e was about 1700' A.T. where we crossed it. Then we ascended 100' & began the long descent of the glacier, parallel with the lateral moraine - unless the moraine is to be regarded as the terminal moraine of the border of the ice cap. Moraine is very hum-

rocky and is not derived from any bordering high land, for no water shows along the whole stretch to the river discharging into North Star Bay. composed of earth, sand, gravel and small boulders with an occasional large erratic. Sometimes the dogs were driven at utmost speed to keep out of the way of the sliding karmatik. Great fun! Crossed some streams flowing on the surface of the glacier. These must have considerable effect in reducing the milkiness of the glacial river, for there does not seem to be much water coming from underneath the ice. Reached the place for descent from the ice about 6:15 and slid down without accident, the surface being soft. 80-100 feet. Exciting moment, with dogs on full jump sledges on the rear corners of the runners, being held there by Rasmussen who, with firm grasp on the upstanders, dug his heels into the snow-ice to check the rapidity of descent. Bottom of glacier stream (ice) 800 feet A.T. We stopped beside an erratic section of a large basaltic column, made coffee, had something to eat and rested for about two hours. Then began the 10-mile stretch over stones, moss, grass and earth with an occasional encouraging ribbon of snow. Even going over this stuff, the dogs pulled the sledge with me on it at a rate that usually made Rasmussen trot to keep up. We reached the ice foot of North Star Bay about 10:25 and after a little maneuvering to cross out to the solid ice we drove to the house, where Etc & Dr. are living. Except for 100 yds. crossing the ice foot I stuck to the karmatik. Etc greeted me cordially and Dr. evidently meant it when he said that he was glad to see me. I feel like a boy on a vacation from school, or possibly a man released from prison, "to be free from the Cliffs"; after living on her a year lacking one week, during which the 7 nights spent at Cape York were my only absence. Left 5 hours in the afternoon and then after a pleasant evening with the boys turned in again at 10:30

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of Natural History, New York City.

Letter to my Mr. L. N. Babbitt,

~~Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.~~

Clouds

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at Etah +

sent home

Nov. 1916

1. Cirrus
2. High cirro-stratus
3. Low " "
4. Cirro-cumulus
5. High cumulus
6. Low "
7. Strato-cumulus
8. False cirrus
9. Cumulo nimbus
10. Cumulus "top"
11. Nimbus
12. Stratus

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