



Hudson's Bay Company Post at Pangnirtung Fiord, Cumberland Gulf on Baffin Island, N.W.T.

but frozen fish and biscuits. The fish had not been cleaned and it would take some time to do it as they were frozen solid. Refusing to wait, they dumped the fish as is, into a pot, boiled them up, and ate them.

My biggest worry when I first realized that I was coming into this country, was how people kept warm when sleeping outside in the dead of winter. I was certainly surprised at the absolute comfort of a snooze in a snow house. I had always wondered whenever I saw a picture of a snow house, how the Eskimo (**Now referred to as Inuit — Ed.**) managed to keep the blocks in place. When I saw the simplicity of the scheme, I was ashamed that I had not figured it out for myself long ago. The key to the whole business is that a snow house is a spiral of snow blocks growing ever narrower until it reaches a peak at the top. Instead of having to stay in midair with no means of support, each new block is placed on top of the bottom row and jammed against the preceding block.

As the snow has a tendency to stick and freeze as soon as it melts, the blocks rest quite contentedly with only one corner unsupported. If properly set in, a block may be placed horizontally in this manner and a man can climb over the top of a finished snow house with no fear of its falling. When finished, all cracks are chinked with snow, a hole is cut in the top for ventilation, another for a door in the side; in you crawl, block up the door once again and there you are.

The bed consists of a large tarpaulin spread over the floor of the "igloo" to keep the remainder of the bedding dry (since heat from a sleeping body melts the snow beneath), one deerskin as mattress, and the marvel known as the eiderdown sleeping robe. This robe, when spread out, measures 90 inches by 90 inches, and folds over once, the bottom and side edges being closed with snaps. Once inside the bag, the icy chill soon leaves and though things get pretty frosty inside the igloo, once the primus stoves are put out, the