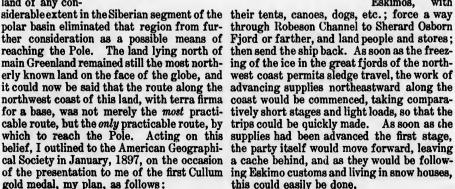
lated, on my way home, a plan for further

well-equipped expeditions still in the field, those of Jackson and Nansen. With the return of Jackson and Nansen, bringing the news that Franz Josef Land was not the southern terminus of an Arctic continent, as had been supposed by some geographers, but an archipelago of comparatively limited extent: and that the "Fram." in her three years' drift through the Siberian nt of the 3r basin, had been no land, I felt that the time was ripe for the presentation of my plan. I believed that the practical demonstration of the non-existence of land of any con-

siderable extent in the Siberian segment of the their tents, canoes, dogs, etc.; force a way polar basin eliminated that region from further consideration as a possible means of reaching the Pole. The land lying north of main Greenland remained still the most northerly known land on the face of the globe, and it could now be said that the route along the northwest coast of this land, with terra firma for a base, was not merely the most practicable route, but the only practicable route, by which to reach the Pole. Acting on this belief, I outlined to the American Geographigold medal, my plan, as follows:

"My own expeditions have satisfied me work, in case the problems of the North that from a sufficient depot of provisions and had not been solved by the time I arrived. equipment, located in the latitude of Inde-Immediately after my return it would have pendence Bay, the Pole is attainable. The been premature to have presented any pro- results of the various recent expeditions have ject for further Arctic exploration with two shown that there is left but one practicable

route by which to attain the North Pole, and that route the one that has been known as the American, viz., the route through Smith Sound, Kane Basin, Robeson Channel, and along the northwest coast of Greenland. My plan, in the fewest words, is to raise a fund sufficient to insure the continuation of the work of exploration for ten years, if necessary, sav \$150,000, and deposit it in a trust company; purchase a ship; give her a minimum crew; load with concentrated provisions: proceed to Whale Sound: take on board several picked families of my faithful Eskimos. with





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