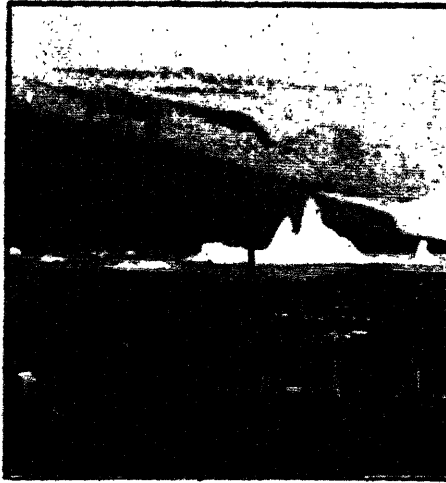


it is only those people who are conscious of committing sin that have such ideas.

Their present environment appears to satisfy them entirely, and they make the best of it. They have no longing for another and a better world. "The desire of the moth for the star" does not trouble them. They sometimes imagine that they see spirits, or the Ko-ko-yah; the latter may appear in different shapes and in different ways. The sick are under the influence of the evil spirit, and as the angekok, or doctor, is supposed to enjoy intimate relations with the Ko-ko-yah, we have the secret of his power over the sick. It is very difficult to get an Arctic Highlander to speak of the sick or the dead.

A great advantage of the community of property which exists amongst the Arctic Highlanders is the total absence of litigation and law. There can be no quarreling about property which is vested in all alike. Some one has said that his idea of paradise was in a state of society where there were no courts of justice; well, among the inhabitants of the frozen north this ideal state of society is to be found. Nor do societies for the suppression of this, and the prevention of that, exist



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among them. As they are kind to both children and animals such societies are not necessary. As they have no money nor means of accumulating wealth, their plan of existence is a combination of socialism and individual liberty. We may call them savages, because they do not possess the arts and refinements of modern life, but in the conduct of life itself they can teach us by mere force of example some useful lessons.

