

too small for her finger, she had honestly brought it back and requested some present in return.

Party feeling and petty animosities appeared to influence the Esquimaux as powerfully as these sensations are manifested among Europeans. The different families were as envious and ill disposed towards each other as though they were hostile nations, and envy of each others prosperity was not disguised among them. Mr. Hooper having been to the huts to purchase food for the sick Esquimaux in the hospital was asked by one of the patients of whom he had obtained it, and having named the person, the sick man declared he would on that account partake of none of it. No reply was made to this declaration, and after a few days the angry patient received the food offered to him without making further inquiry.

They had among them a number of peculiar customs. A sick person was cautious not to see another sick person unless it were a Kabloona or European. Any vessel or cup, out of which a sick person drank, must be used by no other person, so that in taking care of the sick Esquimaux by the English, each individual had separate utensils. So particular was one of them, that he would not take the water which came from the great boiler, but a lamp was obliged to be kept burning for his use. The powers of prejudice and the force of imagination cannot but be noticed in these circumstances, that a people so filthy in their habits should have such strong objections to matters of no manner of importance, as to be able to resist the strong and powerful claims of their voracious appetites, which on all other occasions appeared to have the supreme ascendancy.

Under such repeated calls for the exercise of their humane endeavours to alleviate the sufferings of these people, it may readily be supposed that the medical gentlemen and officers had their time greatly occupied in their attendance on them. Indeed their patient and persevering attention and endeavours to alleviate the sufferings of these people deserves the

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