

Their canoes are perfect models of beauty and lightness; in no part of the world do we see them excelled in speed and portability — two very important qualities in the craft of a savage; and in ornamental workmanship, the skill of both men and women is tastefully displayed.

The clothing of the natives is vastly superior to anything we could produce, both in lightness of material, and wind and water-tight qualities; — the material, seal and deer-skin, and entrails, manufactured by the women, — their needles of Danish manufacture; their thread, the delicate sinews of animals. We gladly purchased all we could obtain of their clothing.

Every one has heard of the horrors of an Esquimaux existence, — sucking blubber instead of roast beef, train-oil their usual beverage, and a seal their *bonne-bouche*; the long gloomy winter spent in pestiferous hovels, lighted and warmed with whale-oil lamps; the narrow gallery for an entrance, along which the occupant creeps for ingress and egress. This and much more has been told us; yet, now that I have seen it all, — the Esquimaux's home, the Esquimaux's mode of living, and the Esquimaux himself, — I see nothing so horrible in one or the other.

The whaler, from bonnie Scotia, or busy Hull, fresh from the recollection of his land and home, no