



St. Michaels from the East.

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Good heavy woollen mitts, with a pair of deerskin mitts over them, is all that is required. In the way of bedding a good heavy fur blanket is almost indispensable; ordinary woollen blankets, no matter how many one has, will not keep warm. But in this there is a wide latitude, depending on differences of physical constitution. I have seen two men in the same tent at the same time with the same amount of bedding, one sleepless from cold and the other comfortable, hence, as I said before, each will have to determine for himself as suits his temperament; of course the less one can do with the more convenient it is.

Blankets have been made in that country of fox, lynx, wolf and bearskin. They are very expensive, costing from \$60 to \$120, depending upon the nature of the fur and the size of the blanket. In the future, however, they are absolutely out of the question, for the supply of fur there is constantly diminishing, and it is only a question of a year or two until none will be found in the vicinity of the diggings, nor anywhere near them. These should be procured, if possible, here. Lynx makes a very durable, light, warm blanket, and I would recommend it above all others on account of its lightness and warmth. Fox is good, but not so durable as lynx. Wolf is also good, but heavier, and not so warm as lynx, and the same may be said of bearskin. I have no doubt that necessity will induce manufacturers to devise some cheap substitute for fur. Sleeping bags are made which will be useful and comfortable. Of these I would say choose the one that gives you the most thickness between you and the ground, of course not neglecting the covering. Often in winter, when camping out, more cold is felt from below than above. Waterproof clothing is not suitable for that country in the winter. The intense frosts so harden it that it cracks, and soon breaks into pieces. A good, large raccoon skin overcoat is very desirable. It is cheap and durable. While travelling in cold winter weather your knees will give you more trouble than any other part of the body. I have found a fur covering for them resembling a section of the leg of a pants, about one foot long, and fastened to your under garment so as to cover the knee, is all that is required. What-