
CHAPTER I

KELEEPELES, whose name means in English "The Young Hunter," lay on his back and stared up at the ceiling. It was not papered or plastered or painted like your ceiling; it was made of snow and curved over his head just like the inside of the shell which, if you are careful, you can lift off a hard-boiled egg. For Kelepeles was an Eskimo boy and lived in an igloo,—a dome-shaped hut built of ice and snow.

Close beside him smuggled Cunayou, his brother, who was four years younger than he. He found it hard not to lose his temper rather often with Cunayou, for while the elder boy was very earnest and worked hard over his hunting and fishing, Cunayou used to lie about in a very provoking manner, and when scolded only stretched his wide mouth