

which is broader than any other part, several small lakes, generally frozen over by the end of August, and on the eastern side of this peninsula a large Eskimo village.....then may you form an incomplete notion of the topography of Point Barrow." Of the village and its inhabitants little need be said. They are Eskimos, and what more can be stated? Except, indeed, that they seem to approach nearer than any of their congeners to the supposed primitive man and old original cave-dweller in the construction of their houses, and are, if possible, more miserable and dirty. In their architectural work the whale's bones play an important part. Its lower jaw-bone and ribs form a support and framework for the covering of sod. One of the huts was composed of whale-skulls, with a roof of turf.

"In taking a stroll through the village," says our informant, "for the purpose of sight-seeing, we were asked not to go further in a certain direction, for fear of disturbing a sick man, who was at that moment being subjected to the magic spells and rites of the 'shaman' for the purpose of averting the malign influence of the Evil Spirit. On being told that one of our party was a medical man and a real 'shaman,' a native led the way to the sick man's igloo, and,