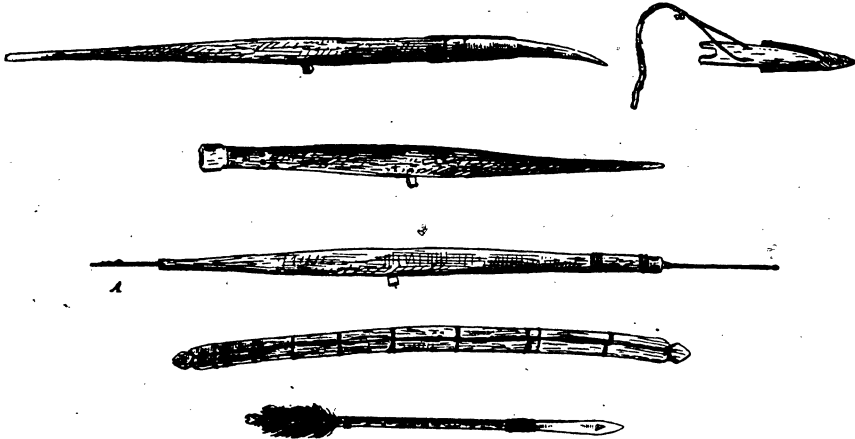


understood that this is a trial requiring the greatest fortitude. The hunter must not only resist the Polar cold, but must be continually on the *qui vive*, yet silent and immobile; for the least noise or the slightest inaccuracy when dealing the stroke with his harpoon inevitably causes the escape of the seal. *Upik*, one of the older members of the tribe exhibited, has lost the use of one of his hands through having it frozen while hunting; and others sometimes have lost their lives in this manner.



ESQUIMAU WEAPONS

The **komatik**s are the sledges made of wood procured from the Hudson Bay Company, or from whaling vessels, in trade, or from the wrecks of the ships of unfortunate explorers. There are no nails used in their construction, the framework being held together by thongs. The runners are



usually shod with whalebones. In good weather, with good ice, a dog-team and sledge can journey 100 miles per day.

The "**topek**s" are the sealskin tents in which the Esquimaux live during the short summer, when the snow igloos would be uninhabitable, because of the dampness caused by the melting snow. They are quite different in construction from the tents of any other aborigines, and the arrangement of their supports, the ordinary ridgepole being lacking, is worthy of notice.

The **Whalebone Igloo** was brought in its entirety from near Cape Chudleigh, and is reconstructed exactly as occupied by its inhabitants on