

44. But though they could not tell her how thankful they felt for her kindness, they would never forget what they owed her for the warmth and the brightness of the wonderful fire which needed no tending and never went out.

45. The next day a new surprise awaited them; for by the pile of fish stood a smaller pile of grain, so that they were able to bake cakes with the flour which they made by crushing the grain between two stones.

46. And each day it was the same. Fish and grain were brought them, quite enough for the day's food; but by whom they had not the least idea.

"Let us watch to-morrow, and see who it is brings these gifts to us," said Salick, after some days. And it passed in this manner.

"Yes, we will; for then we can let them know how grateful we are," replied Arnara.

47. So, before it was light the next morning, they crept out of the hut and hid themselves behind a pile of snow near by. For some time nobody came and nothing happened; and it was so cold, waiting in the snow, that the young people had almost made up their minds to return to the bright fire within the hut, when they heard "Flop! Flop!" And what should they then set eyes upon, but a great seal, that came flopping over the rocks, and, strange to say, carried a silvery burden upon its back?