

of investigation, no doubt, for industries there varied considerably among tribes. By the Port Clarence people the Unalit were considered to excel in the making of wooden ware, and practically none was made by the Port Clarence people, though materials were abundant. They depended almost exclusively on purchase from the Unalit and acted as middlemen between them and Siberia, though they could easily have made their own trading stock had they cared to. The Diomedes people were considered to excel in the making of waterboots and many were purchased of them, though sealskins were plenty at Port Clarence. Stone lamps were made occasionally, but they were considered poor compared with the "lamps from the east." The eastern lamps were supposed to "save oil"—apparently in a (to our minds) miraculous way. It was said that though a home-made lamp were a duplicate in shape and size of the imported article, it would use twice as much oil and give no more light or heat.

Among the Copper Eskimo the Hanerágmīūt are considered by the Kañhiryūármīūt to excel in bow making, though bows are purchased also from the Pūiblírmīūt. On the other hand, the sleds and tent sticks purchased of the same two tribes are under a reverse estimation—those from the Pūiblírmīūt are preferred. As said above, the Pūiblírmīūt make only part of the wooden ware they sell; a large part comes from the Pálírmīūt and Kōglūktōgmīūt, who, therefore, deserve much of what credit there is in the sleds, etc., sold to the Kañhiryūármīūt. The Kañhiryūármīūt make bows only in an extremity, and consider them poor bows.

In general, those who get wood on Dease river finish only a few of the articles intended for sale—they finish all sleds and tent sticks and most tables, lamp stands, and floor planks. Snowshovels, bowls, dishes, etc., are generally sold "in the rough" and finished by the buyer.

Among the Nagyūktōgmīūt I found during the winter 1910-11, that a large snowshovel is one of the most valuable of a man's possessions. One I bought was valued at two butcher knives and sold reluctantly at that, while the same man offered me the better of his two dogs or a big new sled for one knife, selling the shovel for two knives only when he found he could