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BY WALTER WELLMAN
A CHAPTER OF RECENT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE ARCTIC.

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American Waltham Watch Co.,
Waltham, Mass.

Dear Sirs:—It may interest you to know that each of the nine members of the Wellman Polar Expedition of 1898-9 carried one of your famous watches. For more than a year we had opportunity to test the accuracy and endurance of your time-keepers amid the most trying conditions.

My watch was carried, while on our sledge journey toward the North Pole in the midst of the Arctic winter, in a pocket of my under-jacket. I often found it so embedded in ice formed from the exhalations of my body that it was extremely difficult to get it out for purposes of observation or winding. The watch itself continued to go right along.

After a year of such exposure, in temperatures varying from that of the body to 49 degrees Fahr. below zero, our steamer arrived and on comparison with the ship's chronometer, after correction for rating, we found it had lost 34 seconds in the twelve-month. A subsequent comparison was made with observatory time after our return to Norway, and the net loss was reduced to 23 seconds.

I regard this as a wonderful performance, considering the circumstances. The other watches, all Walthams, like mine, gave similar results.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the extraordinary showing made by your time-keepers during our expedition.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed), WALTER WELLMAN.

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