

these are the veritable Tehutski (which I am inclined somewhat to doubt), or another race, I cannot pretend to decide ; but certainly their manners are as much unlike those chronicled by geographers as can be. Quiet and peaceful, having no idea of aggression, and doing all they can to make us happy and conduce to our comfort ; exceedingly cleanly also in their persons and food, for although they consume fat and all kinds of (to us) nasty stuff, they do not take it when dirty, and generally cook everything. I am now speaking only from very slight personal experience."

I must also make another short quotation, as its cause made a great impression upon me at the time : "This evening the temperature has again fallen, and a perfect calm ensued ; the harbour is freezing over fast, with the water as smooth as glass : a bright moon and cloudless starlit sky render the scene one of the most perfect for tranquil beauty I can remember ever to have witnessed ; yet here are no trees, no woods, no foliage to enliven the view ;—all is snow-clad ; mountains and rugged hills frowning in their majesty where thrown into deep shade, and assuming with the headlands and slopes strange fantastic shadows, jutting out in bold relief on the silent water. So, after all, there may be other than tropic nights charming."