

in which all would join. While they did this, the angakok would "act wild," and "eat the fire" from the wicks and lamps. In this way he would put out all the lights.

*Eating the liver of the Angakok.*—When a man was "made" an angakok, the "old fellow" would come to him with a knife like a cheese-cutter's knife, and try to kill him. The angakok would try to elude him. If the "old fellow" killed him, he cut out his liver and ate it. Both the "old fellow" and the angakok possessed the power to "go right through" the side or roof of the house where there was no door or other opening, so that the chase was a lively one. The angakok often escaped, but sometimes he was caught, and the "old fellow" feasted on his liver.

*Teachings of the Angakok.*—The angakok was supposed to tell the people what they should do, and they sometimes met to ask him.<sup>a</sup>

On such occasions all would go into one house; as soon as they were all in, the lights would be put out. When all was dark inside the house, they all sang heathen songs "on the old fellow's side." Then the angakok "would make all kinds of noise." While this went on the people asked him what they should do. Then he would call on one of the "bad ones to tell him," and then he would tell the people what the "black one" told him to tell them.

Sometimes he would tell the married men that they should change wives for a time.<sup>b</sup>

Sometimes when there was only one or two of his friends near, the angakok would "have fun." He would box, wrestle, and talk with them.

*Diet regulation by the Angakok.*—The angakok ordered that when a seal was killed, the men eat certain portions and the women certain other portions. The fore legs<sup>c</sup> "had to be" eaten by the men only, and the lower part had<sup>d</sup> to be eaten by the women only. The men had to eat the "hind legs," and the men and boys the head. The heart belonged to the women, and the men were to have none of it. If the men ate any of the heart, and then ate any plant, berries, or fruit, they would be poisoned and die.

They were also told that after eating a fish or a seal they must not eat any fruit or plant, and that if they did, it would poison them. There were both black and red berries, and they were commanded that the men only should eat the red berries, and that the black berries were only for the women.

<sup>a</sup> Peter said, "Just as we now learn what to do from the Bible."

<sup>b</sup> In Boas's "Central Eskimo," p. 593, among the commands issued by the angakok, as to the manner of atonement, is mentioned an "exchange of wives between two men." Peter said, "That is not the way now."

<sup>c</sup> Peter touched his forearm.

<sup>d</sup> Peter touched his upper arm.