

would not eat they almost wholly subsisted upon. Smoking they dearly love, and the smallest scrap of tobacco is never wasted, even the ash from their pipes is used as snuff, and the idea of expectorating when chewing tobacco is never thought of; and further, disgusting though it is, the straw used in cleaning their pipe is always passed between their lips after each cleaning.

Although the Eskimos are cool under ordinary circumstances they become extremely nervous under excitement, and at times were seen trembling violently. This was noticed more especially when a walrus had been killed, and others were in sight, when playing a game of cards, and when leaving hurriedly for another part of the coast where seals had been reported.

Cleanliness it may be said is hardly known to the Eskimo uninfluenced by civilization, for to them apparently everything on earth is clean; nevertheless they would undoubtedly be glad to keep the dirt or dust off their bodies if they possessed such things as soap, towels, and water at a temperature rather higher than the freezing point, or we might say water at any temperature during the winter, for then it is as much as they can do to melt enough snow for drinking. During the warmest weather there was nothing they delighted in more than washing their faces when we would give them soap, and it was amusing to see them returning from a neighbouring stream laughing as they showed their faces to one another.

It is needless to repeat that the Eskimo will steal, for it is a well established fact, yet it is interesting to note some of its effects. Generally speaking all excepting the thief seemed to look upon the act as a great joke when it did not effect themselves, and as far as could be seen it is only fear that keeps them from stealing more from one another. Repeatedly we were asked to guard their goods while they made a journey, and every means possible are used to hide their caches. If during hard times an Eskimo discovers a cache his friends think it a great joke and all join in helping him devour its contents. At the same time the thief stands a chance of being punished by the owner.

During times when food was scarce they seemed to become careless and would then steal anything, and at one time some daring