

AN ESKIMO GRANDFATHER.  
[A typical old patriarch of the Igloo.]

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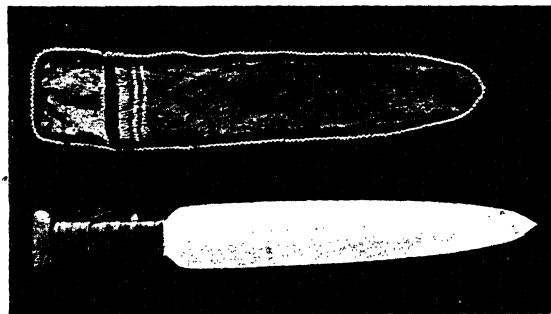
great odds. Mine was a rosy Christmas, after all, full of health and boiled *losh*.

I gave the natives all the tea they could drink, which pleased them so much that my dogs had a veritable feast at their hands. The evening meal was scarcely over when one of the native women brought out a copper kettle almost full of filthy, greasy water, hung it over the fire, and dropped in a mass of fish. When the mass had had time to boil she produced a couple of dirty wooden platters which had evidently been used for years without washing. To appear well before her white visitor, however, she did dip some of the boiling liquid into them from off the boiling fish, twirled it around for a moment, and poured it into the kettle again. Then, taking a greatspoon formed

from the horn of the *Ovis Dallii*, she dipped up the fish, and each family gathered about its platter. I was asked to join them, but refused with as good a grace as was possible, and was watching them enjoy this addition to their meal when there crawled in through the door a party of seven visiting Eskimo, — four men, a woman, and two children, making in all nineteen people and three dogs in the little hut, and a large number of dogs outside.

The woman who had just come was a rather pretty Eskimo woman, and wore a beautiful new suit of "imported" reindeer skins that fitted her exceedingly well. After sitting before the fire for a few minutes, and brushing the frost from her furs, she unfastened her belt, and, putting her hands around to one side, drew out a little reddish brown ball

of human flesh, perfectly bare, and evidently only a few weeks old, from beneath her gar-



AN ESKIMO SNOW KNIFE AND CASE.

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[This peculiar knife was made of a piece of scrap iron obtained from some whaling vessel, shaped and tempered in a rude hand forge. In spite of this it was beautifully polished, with a remarkably exact, tapering groove down the middle. The case is made of very costly undressed skin decorated with beads and porcupine quills.]