

some degree from those of the women, I shall describe each separately.

One or two jackets of seals' skin, having no opening in the front, reach as low down as the upper part of the thigh. The outer one has a hood for covering the head, but at this season of the year it was suffered to hang between the shoulders. The trowsers have no waistbands, but are drawn by strings tight round the body. They descend to below the knee, whence the boots complete the clothing of the legs. They are of seals' hide; and half-boots of variegated skin are sometimes worn over all. The soles of these are composed of strong skin deprived of hair, and perfectly impervious to water. Mittens of deer or seals' skin, warmly lined, and fitting close to the hands, were generally worn. Of all the articles of male attire there are other complete sets which resemble them in form, but are made of the intestines of seals or the skins of animals deprived of hair, and which by being water-proof, protect the fur clothing from the rain, or spray of the sea. A few of these dresses, which we purchased, were transparent, resembling broad ribands of white oil-skin: and formed of the seals' entrails. Some gloves resembling strong parchment proved a great comfort to our leadsmen while sounding in frosty weather.

The jackets of the women, although of the same materials as those of the men, differ from them very essentially in form. I however do not think the ladies have been judicious in the fashion of their clothes, which give them a most monkey-like appearance.

A small peak or flap hangs down in front to the depth of about six inches, but its extreme narrowness renders it a very useless appendage; while behind there is another flap or tail, which reaches nearly to the ground, is about six or eight inches broad, and rounded at the lower extremity. Much attention is paid to ornamenting these flaps, by sewing very narrow borders of different coloured skins round their edges.

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