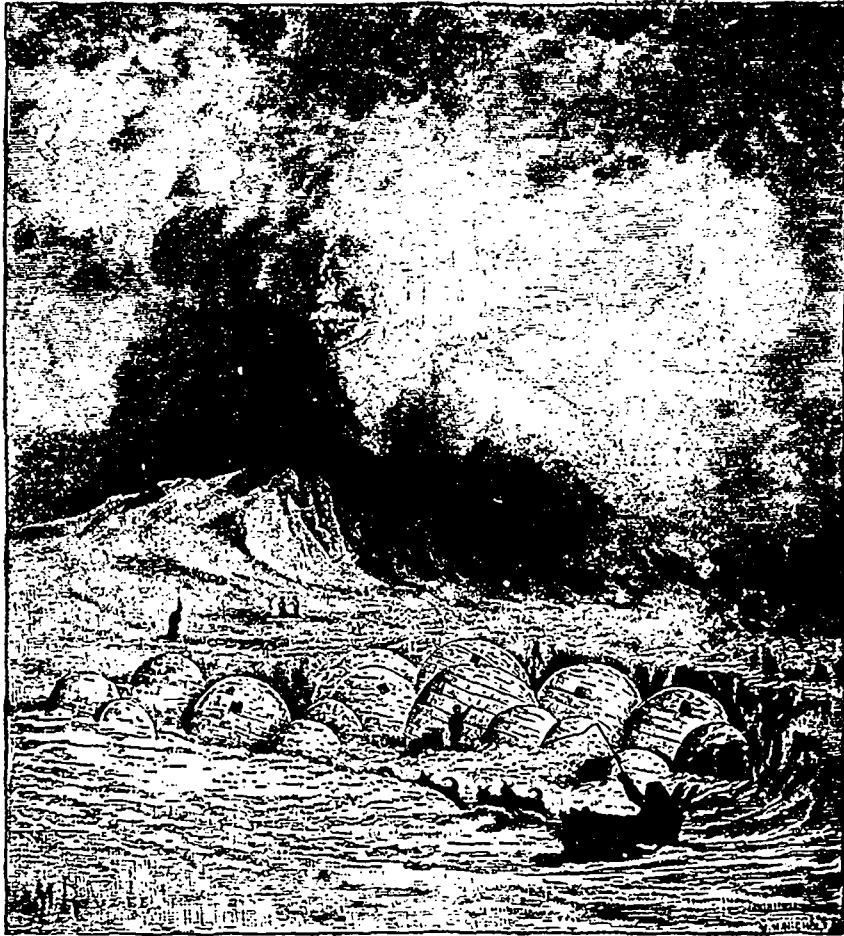


Young People's Department.



SNOW VILLAGE.

ESKIMO BOYS.

IN the long winter evenings, when food is plentiful, and everybody is merry, the Eskimo boys play at *noo-gloo-took*. This is done by taking a piece of walrus ivory as large as a man's middle finger, piercing it with several holes, and suspending it by a stout sinew string from the roof of the *igloo*, or hut. The other end is attached by a taut cord to some heavy object on the floor. One of the players then puts up something as a prize—a reindeer coat, or a pair of walrus tusks. The playing party place themselves in a circle around the perforated ivory cylinder, armed with long sharpened sticks, or iron ramrods, with points small enough to pierce the holes.

At the shout of "yi! yi!" from the leader, the sport begins. The object of each player is of course to be the first one to thrust his stick through the cylinder. Sometimes the jabbing and thrusting continue several minutes before any one is successful. Finally, some lucky fellow cries "yi! yi!" and pushes the cylinder aside to show that he is the winner, when the game is at an end.

Another pastime that amuses the Eskimo boys very much, called "reindeer hunting," is a little more violent and exciting. They select a long and gentle slope on a hillside, and place at the bottom a number of reindeer antlers. These are stuck upright in the snow, singly, or in groups, in such a way that a sled well guided can dash between them without knocking