

following along these strips, may get lost before he can enter the body. Then they eat certain portions of the body of the seal, walrus and reindeer, as cures for certain lesser ills, and bind the body into all sorts of positions, with thongs of raw-hide, for pains and aches.

The Eskimo have a large amount of admiration to bestow on the white-man and his ways: they are the most satisfactory audience I ever had to exhibit conjuring tricks before, showing the most hearty appreciation for one's feeblest endeavors. But of all things which pleased them, were writing and telegraphy. Write a message to one of your men, at a distance from your house, give it to an Eskimo explaining to him what the import of the message is, and that it will be understood from those few insignificant looking lines, and he is lost in astonishment and admiration for the art. Tell him that you will by a series of rappings, in accordance with the system of telegraphy, give any message he may dictate to you, to your man, at the other end of the room, which he feels is being delivered in his own tongue as he has given it, and you have him in a condition capable of believing the impossible. I do not think that there was any thing which gave them more constant pleasure than the flying of a kite, which I made for them. Had I so wished it, I might have considered the privilege of being allowed to fly this kite, sufficient reward for any service, and met with no complaint from them. They never seemed to tire of watching its graceful movement; and when, sometimes, we used to put it a little out of adjustment, so that in its flight it would occasionally perform those sudden darts and swoops, which are so familiar to us all, there seemed no end to their appreciation. Then, their admiration of the feat of sending up a "messenger" of paper along the string, was very full; but nothing equalled the satisfaction they received from being allowed to fly it themselves.

Of the toys which we made for the children, including most of the wooden articles which are to be seen in the shop windows at this season, nothing seemed to give so much pleasure as a "swing". Mothers, Fathers, sons, daughters and infants, kept the thing incessantly in motion, during the hours that we were obliged to