

one who had not been in the Land of the Moon, could have even thought of such wondrous things.

32. "Surely," they said, one to another, "this man, who has seen and learned so much that we knew nothing of, should be ruler among us!" So they chose him to be the *Angekok** of the village, that is, the wise man and ruler to whom all go for advice, and who judges those who have broken the laws, and settles any disputes which are brought before him.

* Pronounce *ang'-gè-kòk*—*a* as in "at"; *è* as in "met"; *ò* as in "not." Among Eskimos the *Angekok* corresponds to the "Medicine-Man" of North-American Indians.

EDITOR'S NOTE.

In any collection of folk-stories, however small and unpretentious, the authenticity of the matter is a point of considerable moment. Accordingly, this booklet has been carefully based on the researches of one of the most widely-recognized authorities on the Eskimo people, and all things pertaining to them—namely, Dr. Henry Rink.

HENRIK JOHAN RINK was born at Copenhagen in 1819. He devoted himself to the study of natural science, and was one of the scientific staff on board the Danish frigate *Galathea*, in a voyage of circumnavigation (1845-47), his department being mineralogy. In 1848 he began exploring North Greenland, and, during the years that followed, went on no less than thirty-eight of these exploratory journeys. From 1857 to 1871, he held the appointment of Inspector of South Greenland. Dr. Rink wrote extensively on Greenland and the Eskimos. His *Grönland, geographisk og statistisk beskrævet* appeared at Copenhagen, 1852-57 (in English translation, under the title of *Danish Greenland, its People and its Products*, 1877). The work with which we are particularly concerned in the present connection, is his *Eskimoiske Eventyr og Sagn* (Copenhagen, 1866), entitled in the English translation (1875) *Tales and Traditions of the Eskimo*; this consists of a hundred and fifty stories taken down from the oral narration of about fifty different people in various parts of Greenland. Another work of Dr. Rink's, *The Eskimo Tribes, their Distribution and Characteristics*, appeared in English, both at Copenhagen and London, in 1887; and it may also be mentioned that he contributed the articles on Greenland and on the Eskimos (the latter illustrated by himself) to that inestimable treasury of knowledge, *Chambers's Encyclopædia*. Dr. Rink died on the 15th December, 1893, at Christiania.—W. H. W.