

THE FROZEN NORTH

Far away in the frozen north there is lots of snow and ice. There are many icebergs, too. The people that live in the far north are called Eskimos. They look like Indians. They dress very different from us. They dress in skins of animals.

Their houses are called igloos. They are made of blocks of ice and snow. The Eskimos crawl on their hands and knees to get into this strange looking house. The only stove they have is a hollow rock filled with oil and sea moss. The animals they have in the Eskimo Land are seals, polar bears, and whales. The Eskimos use their dogs for horses.

Fowls, such as ducks and geese and pelican, are found among the rocks. The Eskimos get the eggs for food. The men go hunting and the women make the clothing and the children sometimes help their fathers and mothers. The days and nights are long and the cold winter nights are very dreary.—FREDA F. LILJEGREN, Third Grade.

THE CELLO

Among my friends I count a cello,
A dear old plaintive, soulful fellow,
Who bends his neck close to my ear,
And whispers secrets sweet and clear,
In measures soft and mellow.

And when I at the fall of night
His sweet companionship invite,
He snuggles closely by my knee,
And purrs and sings in sympathy—
He reads my thoughts aright.

For should I dream of love, his deep-
Toned, throbbing strings the gamut sweeps
Of old, sweet mem'ries fond and true,
Of bowers rare and skies of blue,
That Love's dear secrets keep.

And if perchance martial rage
Has seized me, that I may assuage,
Only as he with vibrant strings
In march and triumph booms and sings
Until I turn the page.

Should I on sorrow's ocean drift,
First slowly, faster, then so swift