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WINTER IN MANITOBA.
 Extreme Rigor and Severity of Winter Weather in the Northwest.

The snow outside our house was from six to ten feet deep from November to April. I tried to wear boots last winter and one of my feet froze. Moccasins, made by Indians, of moose-skin, are used instead of shoes to cover the feet, which are first encased in several pairs of stockings. For traveling on foot snow-shoes are best. Mittens supersede gloves during the winter, as the fingers, if separated, generally freeze. We were forced to melt snow for all the water we used last winter. The cold was so intense that when melted snow-water was poured from the boiler into a pail, and taken at once across to the stable, the ice on it frequently had to be broken with a stick before the cattle could drink. It froze so hard while being carried a distance of some sixty yards in the open air. My husband would sometimes come in from a short visit to the stock yard with his nose frozen, indeed it is rather a common sight to see people partly frozen. The part affected turns as white as marble and loses all feeling. Unless you see yourself in a glass, or are told of it, you are not conscious of being frozen. In this plight it is not best to go near a fire, as sudden thawing is very painful. People generally try friction, rubbing themselves with snow, or better still, with paraffine oil. Occasionally, when one is frozen, and far from help, the part frozen, if an extremity, will snap off. My kitten's ears froze and broke off last winter, and a neighbor's pony lost its ears in the same way.

I was surprised when I first found the mustard freeze in my mustard-pot, which stood a foot from the kitchen stove-pipe and two feet above the stove, where there was a blazing fire all day and every day through the winter. Yet the mustard froze between every meal. Bread froze if left for half an hour in a room without a fire. I once left a pitcher full of milk in the kitchen all night, and next morning, on trying to move it, the pitcher fell to pieces and left the milk standing solid in its place. We could buy frozen milk by the pail, frozen so intensely that when I put a lump of it in a tin into the oven, or on the top of the stove, the first part that melted would burn to the tin before the rest of it had been thawed. I managed to melt it by first chopping the ice milk into very small pieces. Clothes which had been washed froze before I could hang them out to dry, and I used to leave them out two or three nights for the snow and ice to bleach, and they always needed thawing and drying again when they were brought in-doors. Even after being damped and laid they would freeze together, and when I have been ironing the top of a pocket handkerchief the lower part would freeze to the table, which was close to a roaring fire. Ironing under these conditions is rather slow work.

Such stories must sound almost incredible, except to those who, like myself, have witnessed the facts, though, of course, only in the most severe weather. A bearded Englishman who stayed with us last winter was often frozen when he came in-doors to thaw the icicles from his mustache, which froze to his beard and hindered him from talking to us. A pail of water left in the kitchen all night would freeze solid to the bottom before morning. This happened every time one was left for two months.

In such a climate every one who can afford it is dressed in fur. The Winnipeg police men also dress in buffalo coats down to the heels in winter. The keenest wind cannot pierce them.
 Winter is, of course, not equally severe throughout. Part of my description applies only to its colder half. But to a woman the most trying part of a winter in Manitoba is not its severity for you live in a warm house—but its length. Snow lays on the ground last season for six months and a half, and the great lakes are frozen for the same period. One's eyes grow very weary of the bare, blank whiteness, and long for something green to look at; yet the bright, clean, still frost, with brilliant sunshine, glorious skies and moonlight, aurora-colored nights, have great compensations of their own.—*Eastern Letter.*

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS ON DECK.
 How they Propose to Take Control of the Incoming Administration.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—It is obvious to have much to say about the formation of the new administration. They will want a large share of the fruits of Cleveland's election, and they desire to be heard, as of old in the councils of the party and to be consulted in the conduct of the government. It was for such considerations that the Democrats of the south have so long stood back, and kept silent, and done the solid voting while their northern brethren have had the management of the party.
 "We have this time," said a representative southern Democrat, "given not only our solid vote, but our money also. With our money we have carried four northern states. Southern Democrats have contributed liberally, and I may say that it is questionable whether without our money, would have been elected. Our title to consideration is perfect, and there is no reason why we should stand back and not take our share of the fruits of the victory we have won."
 Southern Democrats here are for a complete turn about. They do not take to the ideas of the Independent Republicans about the civil service. Their notion of reform is that Republicans be turned out and that Democrats be put in their place. They resent the suggestion that the "mugwumps," as they are learning to call the followers of Charles Schurz and their Yankee condottieri in Boston, shall have anything to say about what Cleveland shall do or what the policy of his administration shall be. "These bolting Republicans," said a Virginia Democrat, "wanted to beat Blaine, and if they think they have done it, let them be satisfied. What they have done does not entitle them to share in the formation or the spoils of the new administration."

An Alabama Democrat said: "This is a Democratic victory—the restoration of the Democratic party to power. There is no better way to decide who shall have the lion's share than by seeing where the electoral votes came from. Of Cleveland's 219 votes the north gives only 56. All the others are from the south."
 Already there is much of this kind of talk here. Throughout all these years there have remained in Washington a number of old-school Democrats, important ones, and believing themselves not less so now, who are coming forth to have their share in shaping things. They adopt the southern idea, as indicated above. Mr. Cleveland will be fortunate if, when he comes to Washington, he escapes being brought under this kind of domination. The Democrats referred to propose to begin as nearly as possible where they left off, almost thirty years ago.

These things are not to be left un-said because they are not as agreeable as other things which one who looks for facts first sees. They are what Mr. Cleveland will soon enough find out. They necessarily follow his election.
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