AN ESKIMO DINNER

It Was Not Very Dainty, but It Was a Satisfying Feast.

SEAL MEAT AND BLOOD SOUP.

The First Course Was Served Out of Hand, and the Second in Musk Ox Horn Drinking Cups-The Hospitality Extended to Explorer Stefansson.

An interesting description of the hospitality of Eskimos is given by Vilhjalmar Stefansson in his paper, "My Quest In the Arctic," in Harper's Magunine. At one stage of his adventures the writer found himself among Eakimos who had never before seen white people. He says:

"Like our distant ancestors, no doubt, these people fear most of all things the evil spirits that are likely to appear to them at any time in any guise, and next to that they fear strangers. Our first greeting had been a bit doubtful and dramatic through our being mustaken for spirits, but now they had felt of us and talked with us and knew we were but common men. Strangers we were, it is true, but we were only three among forty of them and were therefore not to be feared. Besides, they told us they knew we could harbor no gulle from the freedom and frankness with which we came among them; for, they said, a man who plots treachery never turns his back to those whom he intends to stab from behind.

"Before the house which they immedistriy built for as was quite ready for our occupancy children came running from the village to announce that their mothers had dinner ready. The houses were so small that it was not convenient to invite all three of us into the same one to ent; besides, it was not etiquette to do so, as we now know. Each of us was therefore taken to a different place. My host was the sent hunter whom we had first appreached on the ice. His house would, he said, be a fitting one in which to offer me my first meni among them, for his wife had been born farther west on the mainland coast than any one eise in their village, and it was even said that her ancestors had not belonged originally to their people, but were immigrants from the westward. She would therefore like to ask me

questions. "It turned out, however, that his wife was not a talkative person, but motherly, kindly and bespitable, like all her countrywomen. Her first questions were not of the land from which I came, but of my footgenr. Weren't my feet just a little damp, and might she not pull my boots off for me and dry them over the inmp? She had boiled some seal meat for me, but she had not boiled any fat, for she did not know whether I preferred the blubber boiled or raw. They always cut it in small pieces and are it raw themselves. but the pot still hung over the lamp. and anything she put into it would be cooked in a moment.

"When I told her that my tastes quite coincided with theirs, as in fact wounded wrist, slient and morose of your homestead entry, No.they did, she was delighted. People pondering a question he did not seem Serial No. 05562, made Nov. 15th. h allke then, after all, though they came from a great distance. She would accordingly treat me exactly as if I were one of their own people beated controversy as to whether the that the said Brayton P. Briggs has come to visit them from afor.

When we had entered the house the boiled pieces of seal meat had alreads been taken out of the pot and lay steaming on a sideboard. On being assured that my tastes in fond were not | tied it yet." likely to differ from theirs, my bostess picked out for me the lower loint of a seal's foreigg, squeezed it firmly between her bunds to make sure nothing should later drip from it, and handed it to me, along with her own copper bladed kuife. The next most desirable piece was similarly squeezed and banded to her husband, and others to turn to the rest of the family.

"As we are we sat on the front edge of the bed platform, holding each his piece of meat in the left hand and the knife in the right. This was my first experience with a knife of native cop-I found it more than sharp enough and very serviceable.

"Our meal was of two courses the first, mest; the second, soup. The soup is made by pouring cold sent blood into the boiling broth immediately after the cooked meat has been taken out of the po tand stirring briskly until the whole comes penrly-but never quite-to a boll. This makes a soup of a thickness comparable to our English pea soup, but if the pot be allowed to come to a boll the blood will coagulate and settle to the bottom. When the sonp is a few degrees from boiling the lamp above which the pot is swung is extinguished and a few hundfuls of snow are stirred into the soup to bring it to a temperature at which it can be freely drunk By weens of a small dipper the housewife then fills the large musk ox horn drinking cups and assigns one to each person. If the number of cups is short two or more persons may share the contents of one cup or a cup may be refilled when one is

through with it and passed to another. "After I had eaten my fill of fresh seal ment and drunk two pint cupfuls of blood soup my host and I moved further back on the bed platform, where we could sit comfortably, propped up against bundles of soft caribou skins, while we talked of various things."

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which is prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant-Horace.

Desan Shipe Sow Seeds. During the last few years botanists

have noticed that there has been a great leveling up of plants on the innumerable islands scattered over the Pacific. The vegetation of two islands 1,000 miles apart is as likely as not to be exactly the same, while formerly there used to be marked difference The reason is said to be the steamship. The Pacific is now covered with a net work of steamer routes. At each port the wind pours a fine powder of almost invisible seeds over each ship and lows ashore some of those she received at previous ports of call. Thus ships are, without knowing it, altering the vegetation of the Pacific Islands. Trains sow seeds too. At any rate. that is the explanation offered by botaulsts for the way in which the middle west is growing plants that once beonged to the Atlantic coast. Even the barren eastern slopes of the Rockies are now growing trees that were never planted by the hand of man. trains have done the sowing. - Stray

A Tax Scheme That Failed. Switzerland has always prided itself on its independence, and in fiscal matters this proud spirit, which will brook no interference with the rights of the individual, even by the state in quest of revenue, has sometimes been exhibited in curious ways, says the Pall Mall Gazette. As the inquisitorial methods of income tax collectors are abhorrent to the freedom loving Swiss. boxes were once set up in several cantons to receive the voluntary contributions of loyal citizens. It was boped that this method of relying on the pubthe spirit of the people would prove successful in raising money for public ends; but, alas for human nature, in the course of time the collectors on opening the boxes found nothing buttrousers buttons. So the voluntary system after fair trial, had to be reluctantly abandoned in favor of a deciaration of capital and income which te liable to official investigation.

Napoleon's Weapon Rusty. In recalling the sword which Napocon presented to the Russian Grand Duke Constantine at Tibitt on the ocension of the treaty between Napoleon and Russia in 1807, a Paris newspaper asserts that, although Napoleon always carried two pistols in his suddle, he very rarely used them. His service sword, as he called it, was so rusted its sheath that at the battle of Arcis sur-Aube in 1814 he had to call an aid-de-camp to help him draw it.

It is also said that the emperor. whose figure in a long gray clonk and "bicorne" is everywhere familiar, had made for bimself a beimet and breastplate set with emeralds and diamonds. But on first trying them on he found that he looked too much like a Roman warrior, and be discarded them. This armor that Napoleon had on but once is today to be seen under glass in the army museum.

English Official Red Tape.

In "Memories of the Sea" Admirat Penrose Fitzgerald says that one day, after Lord Gilford had been retired from the quarterdeck for a spell to a position in the admiralty office, an old friend and shipmute visited him there and found him sitting at his desk, up his duly corretorated application to to his eyes in papers, nursing his

"That pile of papers you see there." sald he. "is the result of three months" boys in the training ships are to be supplied with pewter spans or wheth tract for more than six months last! er they are to dip up the new ration of treaste with their bread and without the use of spoons, and we have not sec-

who agreed to stint themselves to the utmost to order to increase their pos-

sessions was the Bplit Farthing club of London. One member is reported to have had his garments so darned that there was not enough of the original left to show the texture. The members presented so starved an appearance that it was said there was not an ounce of fat among the lot.

No Use In Objecting.

The cynical person was standing in front of a part of an exhibition of local art talent labeled "Art Ob-

"Well, I suppose Art does object, and I can't blame her, but there doesn't seem to be any help for it." he finally said.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

Looks That Way.

"Many criminals are more desperate after they have served a number of terms in prison," remarked the new member of the club.

"Yes; they must be possessed of a courage born of convictions," agreed the man who knows.—Boffalo Express.

Pretty Lazy.

"Nodles is positively the laxlest man know. He has an invention fixed so that by merely pulling a wire in bed he can light the fire, but that doesn't seem to improve matters."

"He's too lazy to pull the wire."

COMPETITION.

Instead of tooking upon competition as the baneful and antisocial principle which it is held to be by the generality of Socialists. I conceive that even in the present state of society and industry every restriction of it is an evil and every extension of it, even if for a time injuriously affecting some class of inborers. is always an ultimate good. To be protected against competition is to be protected in idleness, in mental duliness, to be saved the necessity of being as active and as intelligent as other people, and, if it is also to be protected against being underbid for employment by a less highly paid class of inhorers, this is only where old custom or local and partial monopoly has placed some pasticular class of artisans in a privileged position as compared with the rest, and the time has come when the interest of universal improvement is no longer promoted by prolonging the privfleges of the few.-John Stuart

Newcomers should get the habit of going to Innes & Davidson's barber shop .- Adv.

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