

11. Their clothing is made from the skins of wild animals, especially from that of the reindeer. They prepare it with the hair on, and make a sort of dress all in one piece, — cap, shirt, trousers, and shoes. Their chief food is fish and the flesh of the reindeer, and of the seal, walrus, and whale, which inhabit the icy seas.

12. The reindeer stays here only during the short summer, while it can obtain food; so the people must kill enough then to last them all the year. The women cut up the meat, and dry it, and in this way keep it for the long winter. They also catch and dry the fish.

13. Through the winter, the Eskimos live in log huts, which they build from the trunks of trees that have floated down the long rivers from the forests. They pile up snow around and over the hut, and make a hole in one side, at the bottom, through which they creep in and out. Here they stay from the time when the leaves of our trees begin to fall, until they are green again in spring. Then all quit their winter quarters, and go to the islands along the coast to watch for the seal. There they build houses of snow.



Eskimo Girl.