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Life of the Children of the Frozen North Not by Any Means Monotonous. Did you ever see a group of children get together on the sidewalk and play the fascinating game of "Eskimo"? All the youngsters gather in a ring and slowly jig around and around while half of them shrill in a queer sing-song:  
Oh, do you know the Eskimo?  
The Eskimo?  
The Eskimo?  
The query is solemnly answered with great alacrity by the other half of the circle, who shriek:  
Oh, yes, we know the Eskimo.  
The Eskimo.  
He lives in the land of ice and snow.  
Of ice and snow.  
Of ice and snow.  
Then the whole band hops solemnly about in simulation of the supposed antics of the Eskimo.

The funniest part of it all, according to a gentleman who has returned from the arctic regions, is that the little Eskimo youngsters have an almost identical game—singings and dances—and are going through queer antics, unhesitatingly believed to be exact representations of the children of the far away north. They are so much so that the little Eskimo's time would be spent trying to keep warm that he wouldn't have a great deal left to play. But these little chaps, who in the fall and snow are having more fun than a circus and summer vacation rolled into one. They tag around their male relatives just as the small boys do here, and they fight their snub nosed mannikins almost to death by stealing off among the icebergs in a little bit of a tippy, cranky, crafty, made of skins and things. They listen round-eyed to tales of harpoons and deadly blows with polar bears. They tell their sisters brave tales of their own daring adventures, and they brag to their boy shouts "Polar bear!" they run shrieking to their relatives, just as if they lived on California street or somewhere in the mission. The Eskimo small boy is amazingly like other boys. He is round faced and brown checked and chubby beyond belief. He wears queer garments of skins and of leather. He never ate a pound of candy or a dish of ice cream in his life and he never heard of a baseball game. At his lot like other boys for all that. As for the girl, she's precisely like her blond sister down here, who hasn't the faintest notion how good whale's blubber is. She knows just the same kind of games. When one brown tot goes "visiting" another brown tot she lugs her favorite doll with her, and then she sits right down in the dark little hut and begins to "play house."

That doll of hers is a strange looking being. It has a flat face, made of wood or some such thing, and a kind of arched nose and legs, not a joint in them, and its eyes are just painted on the face, and it's a lucky doll that has a hair on its head, but the Eskimo loves that doll just as much as if it were flaxen haired and had red cheeks and shining blue eyes. Dolly couldn't speak "Mamma!" if you squeezed it to pieces, and it would not think of such a thing as letting you turn its head, but Miss Eskimo doesn't mind that bit. She just dresses and undresses her, whips her and cries over her dreadful misdeeds quite as much as if her name was Maud Athel Van Buren, instead of being an unpronounceable thing in consonants and a gent.

These benighted little beetle brows have never heard of Noah's ark, but they have a substitute for it, their arctic animals, among which are Eskimo walrus, walrus walrus, their walrus walrus with their walrus walrus, and ghostly birds, whose unending dignity suggests the splendid respect of those familiar parrots. She has a toy dog, but she doesn't think of such a thing as letting you turn its head, but Miss Eskimo doesn't mind that bit. She just dresses and undresses her, whips her and cries over her dreadful misdeeds quite as much as if her name was Maud Athel Van Buren, instead of being an unpronounceable thing in consonants and a gent.

When the long winter dark comes on the boys sit in the low huts and make tiny boats of fish-bone, cunningly stretched over a skeleton of firm wood. While they are tinkering away at these pretty boats the small sister sits beside them on the bear skin and makes soft little fur boots for her doll.

The mother is close by making nets or trimming a robe with a delicate border of porcupine quills and she can tell the loveliness of fairy tales—San Francisco Examiner.

**Smoking for Women.**  
A writer in a medical journal, while denouncing the practice of cigarette-smoking in moderation, took the bold step of advocating an extension of it to the other sex, and advising that women should find a refuge in it from the minor ills of life. Tobacco smoking, he maintained, was one of the best and most harmless sedatives that we possess for harassed and agitated nerves, and as women are more subject to nervous disorder than men, it was obvious that they would find an even greater use for such a sedative than members of the sterner sex.

It was the constant insistence of the small worries of life, rather than its greater griefs and troubles, that upset the equilibrium of mankind, rendered them flaccid, and induced the nervous attacks, the complaints, and sometimes made them the victims of premature old age. Much misery was caused by the adoption among women of sedatives that were by no means harmless, and much suffering might be saved to them if they were not debarr'd by public opinion from making use of a sedative which is allowed to the other sex, and which would be infinitely more soothing and efficacious than those which they are frequently driven to use.

From a logical point of view the argument seems not only fair, but a very strong one. Who is it who suffers most from small worries? A woman. Whose nerves are most easily affected? A woman's nerves. What is the best and most harmless sedative for distressed nerves? Tobacco. Therefore, it is plain and simple that the justice of such a contention would be manifest did we not suspect that the premises are not altogether to be relied on. Take only that particular one which relates to tobacco; we do not think it will pass a very close scrutiny.—London Spectator.

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