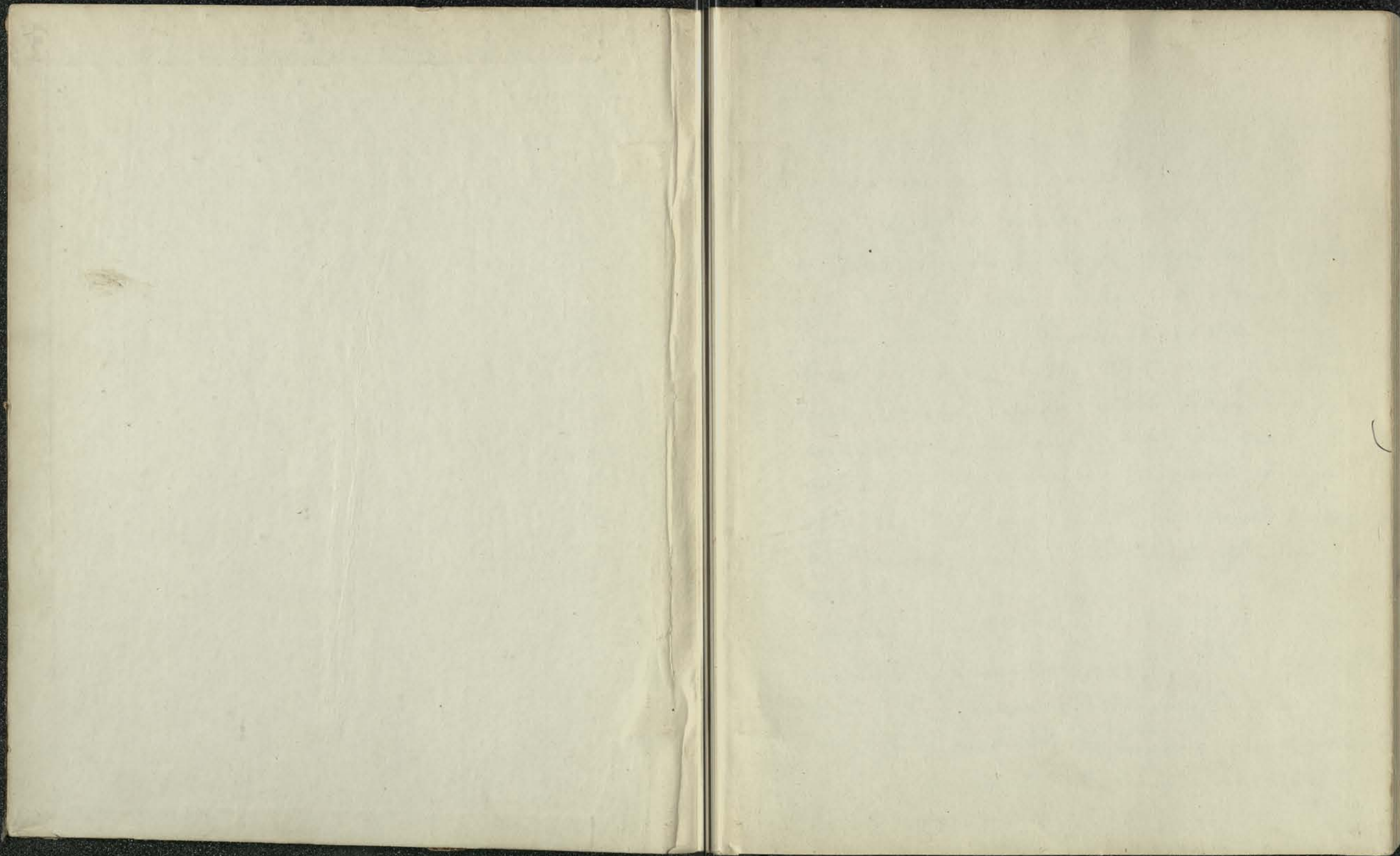




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May 5, 1915.

To-day I put on a pair of Ek's kamiks and walked out about half a mile on the fjord. It is the second day I have been out on the ice since I came back from South Greenland with my toes frozen. My toes are healing very slowly and still pain me somewhat. About half an inch or more of the bone projects from the end of my left toe and nearly as much from the end of my right.

Arklis and Sammy came in this evening from Kamawit. They reported that the four of them (Arklis, Sammy, Jot and Nukapingua had killed but six seals during the past and these were killed with the

harpoon. Jot wrote that the weather had been bad until yesterday.

With Ahlio and Sammy came Mene, Brichto and an Eskimo boy who were returning from a bear-hunting trip to Ellesmere Land. They got ~~four~~ bears along the coast south of Cape Sabine, two large and two small.

May 6. Thursday.

Mene and Brichto left to-day for the south. Mac and I sent letters to Peter by Mene.

To-day we took the last of the ice of the inside of the roof of the attic. It was from one to two inches thick all over the roof. The weather is quite warm to-day and the ice on the roof had begun to melt. The temperature got up to 20° above zero to-day.

May 7. Friday

Mac, Ahlio and Sammy left to-day, the two former on a bear hunting trip up towards Humboldt glacier while Sammy will probably stay at Kamawty with Jot and Makapingua to hunt seals.

May 8. Saturday

Sipsu came up early this morning from Peterawik. He brought up some walrus meat to trade for tea, and while here gathered up his tupik wood and took it with him when he left this evening.

May 9. Sunday

Avigiak and Sercosunah came up from Peterawik to-day. Aningan's mother came with Sercosunah.

May 10. Monday

Sercosunah left here to-day for the north. He is going to see his little daughter, who is with Panikpah and Atuksungwah at Kamavitz.

We are having a very quiet time at the house now. Only Green, Allan and I are here. Green and Allen put in most of their time studying. I have simply been taking care of my frozen toes, and looking after the drying, cleaning and labeling of what skins I can get.

May 11. Tuesday

Early this morning, (about 2:30 A.M.) Jot, Nukapingua and Odie came back from Kamavitz. They had killed a few seals, but not many, as the weather had not been good.

May 12. Wednesday

Jot, Nukapingua, He He and Odie started for Kamavitz this forenoon. But the snow was so deep and soft that they went only a little way and then turned around and came back. We are having

warm weather with lots of snow now. The temperature has been up as high as $+38^{\circ} F$.

A little before midnight Dr. Hunt and Akpudiasahs came in from their hunting trip over in Ellesmere Land. They had gone over as far as Storöen Island at the mouth of Green Bay Fjord. On the north end of Storöen Island they killed ten muskoxen. They killed five bears in Bay Fjord. They killed a large female wolf on Storöen Island not far from the muskoxen.

May 13. Thursday

The weather is still warm and snowy. This is by far the heaviest snow we have seen since we have been at Etah. The snow is 14 inches deep on the level out on the fjord. Jot and Nukapingua could not get away to-day.

May 17, Monday

The weather has continued bad until to-day, and there has been a heavy fall of snow - more snow than we have had at any time since we have been at Etah - making travelling with a komatik very difficult.

Yesterday there was wind enough to pack the snow down considerably. Jot, Nukapingua and We We, Odie, Green and Akpudioshako started north to-day, going up over the hill back of the house, the latter two, intending to stop near Life Boat Cove, where Akpudioshako and Dr. Hunt had made their last camp and cached some skins, the others going on to Kamawit.

May 18, Tuesday

Green and Akpudioshako came back this afternoon, bringing with them the skins and skulls, which the latter and Dr. Hunt had left a few days before.

An Eskimo wedding occurred here to-day - if you could call it a wedding. The bride merely put on her best clothes and went away with the bride-groom. The

bride is Awe-a-good-loo, (about 14 years old) and the bride-groom is Aw-a-giak. The white men here (four of us) made up a box of presents for them when they left.

Three komatiks left here for the south to-day, the bride and groom, Accommadnigua and Sircosunah. The bride and groom will probably live at Iglootehami this summer.

May 19, Wednesday

Kudlah and his wife Akatingua came up from Nerke to-day and brought Allen's Kapodek which the latter has made for him.

May 20, Thursday

Akhomadingua, Carda, Bbloya and his wife and children came up to-day from Peterawik.

May 21 Friday

Dr. Hunt cut off the ends of my frozen toes to-day. He used a pair of bone forceps. I did not

take any anaesthetic, but Dr. Hunt applied cocaine to the ends of the toes. It is three months now since I froze them down on Melville Bay. They have been healing very slowly.

Mac and Arklis and Sammy came back to-day from their bear hunting trip north along the coast. Mac killed one large male bear. They killed several seals. They went as far north as Humboldt Glacier.

May 24 Monday

Fitz, Arklis and Obloya left to-day for Cape Constitution to meet Ek and his party. They went up over the hill back of the house, as the going is very bad around Sunrise point.

May 25 Tuesday

Jerome, Ahpudiasah and Sammy left to-day for Umanah to get ^{moving} bird pictures and collect eggs at Saunders Island. The two former expect to be gone about 20 days. Sammy is to return at once stopping at Kangerlookwah on the way back.

May 28 Friday

Nukapingua and Odie arrived to-day from Anoratok where they and Jot have been hunting seals and caching them for our food for next winter in case a ship does not come for us this summer. Jot and He He stayed up there. They brought down one seal.

May 29 Saturday

Dr. Hunt and Anawah went up

to Littleton Island to day for a
stay of about a week to get some
river ducks. They will live in a
tupik. Nukapingua and Odie took
their things up for them. Hal
took his kayak over.

