

X

M&Z 418

05/125

J.E. Church Jr.

DIARY OF SECOND TRIP  
TO GREENLAND, 1927-28.

SUMMER IN GREENLAND

NOTE BOOK NO. 10.

## 6. Leaving Old Friends

1.

Saturday, May 26.

A Day at Home. We all slept in the Observatory last night. I was weary, but more from the excitement of the homecoming than from the trip.

The APRIL CALENDAR torn off and placed in my new diary showed mirth and whimsie. A clean wind-direction dial and neat doorway marked the passing of spring cleaning, and the brown landscape and balmy air indicated the presence of summer.

Clarence reveled in the warmth but somehow I missed the snow and sensed the dry summer before us, if summer rains were not plentiful. Even now the tundra seemed dry.

The evaporation pan had been found two miles down the ravine together with the

2

rainage that had departed  
in the same storm, and water  
evaporation measurements had  
been inaugurated during my  
absence. Even Gustav had  
washed all my clothes and  
Clarence had put my locker to  
rights. I rubbed my eyes with  
the feeling that perhaps I was  
strolling about home on a  
Sunday morning after an absence  
from home.

Letter-writing. - I was soon  
directed to get busy with writing  
letters home before Bill and  
Gustav should return from Umanak,  
for quietude would then be  
broken again as when we  
ourselves had burst in.

All Home. I expected the boys  
the next afternoon and was  
frequently sorry that I had not  
set out early to meet them and  
have them aid me measure

the stream flow at Umanak.  
But the chance of passing them  
and wasting my strength had  
detained me. It was well, for  
in midafternoon, it seemed, the  
after our dinner, they struggled in  
chilled into retreating and  
milling <sup>repeat their adventure</sup> to return "for a whole  
summer's wages".

Conditions toward the Ice. The  
river was roaring. The willows  
high on the slopes were in leaf,  
the ipanyak were already appearing.  
There is plainly more sun and less water  
toward the inland ice. The white  
water at Nakajanga had already  
given me intimation of the heavy  
flow.

Gustav (the boys playfully call  
him "Gustina"). I had thought to  
ask him to stay all summer to  
help me with the camera trips.  
But I got the worst shock of  
my Greenland life when he

4

entered with Bill. A tiny chick  
of a boy, all excitement and  
boots given him by Bill. Talking  
as fast as a magpie and  
as pert as the spoiled <sup>rich</sup> young son  
of a <sup>rich</sup> American woman. No  
Native this. I was repelled  
and he in his turn was sizing  
me up. But when bad time came  
he was quickly won by my  
yielding to Nathaniel's request  
that I take his bed in the  
observatory and permit him to  
have my place with the boys in  
the tent. So it became a man-  
night inside and a boy's all-  
night outside to their delight.

Disco in Copenhagen. The Disco  
had got loose from Dvigtur about  
the time we started, apparently,  
for when we arrived Clarence  
declared her to be only one day  
from her home port and tonight  
Godhavn reported her arrival.

So Paul has finally come to the end  
of a long, long wait. "So many days  
till March 20 and then the days  
will be longer and closer still".  
But March 20 to May 26 - two  
months and a week - , he  
was scarcely prepared for this.

The North Pole. And Nobile kept his  
word and went to the North Pole,  
and actually landed to show that  
he too could do. But he is  
calling for aid and Godhaas closed  
<sup>a holiday</sup> until Tuesday because of Whitewind tide,  
as Muller, the operator, explained in  
England and Germany, tho unscript by us  
add the actual and facetious -  
the Atlantic and the pond. Our boys  
go over the "North Pole" to toilet.  
I couldn't resist requesting them to  
please not disturb Nobile. When Bill  
departed, he left instructions to hold  
the line in case any telephone call  
came for him.

A Sunset. One of those you are

6  
willing to wait six months for  
to see for five minutes. Clarence  
said that he had reserved this  
especially for me. Just a few  
thin bars of cloud and a <sup>clay</sup> bank  
on the horizon. But a pillar  
of golden light mounted upward  
and an aureole of gold radiated  
at its base. A purple haze overspread  
the low hills, and the thermometer  
shelter stood like some lonely block-  
house at the edge of the scene.

No more will the Observatory enter  
into the evening pictures, for the  
sun has now swung its great  
circle and sets in the north.  
Within a month we shall have  
the midnight sun. A year since  
that night in the Native buying ground  
above Tivoli has nearly passed.  
This time our midnight sun will  
roll along the mountains instead  
of the sea.

Sunday, May 27.

First + later impressions

The Fatality in the Dog Teams. First impressions were again worst.

The minister just returned from Saatkallit had seen them lifted from the boat and fall dead.

David Olsen said that all dogs had very sore feet and that two of Matthias' team had died.

Noo Bill reports that on the out trip one of Carl Olsen's dogs died and one of Matthias' team had to be cut loose.

It was a hard trip at best.

Down to the Boats - Clarence suggested the motor and we spent much time getting it pliable - it had lain uncleaned all winter. A fresh-water motor uncleaned from its seawater salt is naturally rheumatic in its joints. Then it plainly would not fit the stern of the dinghy and the day was open

as a sieve. "and I should not row" for fear that I might be back in bed again. So the canoe was suggested by Clarence and casting of it down Fiord. I couldn't refuse. The idea was no more hairbrained than many of mine, and Nathaniel and Enoch were expert. So the boys mended the hole made when the canoe was blown down the beach by the January gale, and taking a watch Enoch suggested getting away by six o'clock an temorous morning tide.

Basta. I had promised the boys rubber pants to wear home. So we went to the Radio-Hut to pick them out. I gestured that they were to be turned back to Clarence at Sarathlit and in merriment doubled up my fist at Enoch and showed what I would give him if he did not do it.

With a veiled childlike look, he gazed up at me and said "Ro-auga"? (me!) i.e. Do you mean that you can thrash me? The idea was so utterly absurd, and his questioning look so whimsical to me. Really he could break me in two. I laughed as I patted his head.

Nathaniel will come. My problem of the summer seems settled. Nathaniel will come out on the Hvalrossen and go down Kangerlugsuaq and up to Camp Cooley with me for five kroner a day, and then go home along tomorrow's trail. So the matter now goes to Doctor Hobbs. If only I could have Enoch too.

Rex and Sister Hannah. I found their picture in the Radio Nut overlooked by Bangstad. It has been given the guest's place on my bookshelf. I may take it home, if unclaimed.

Vespers. Not a song nor prayer service. Just a teeth and face wash indulged in by all the staff. It was instituted for Gustav and he was wisely made Master of Ceremonies. So he joys in heating the water and calling us all out after the others to wash and scrub. Thus endeth my accumulation of travelsoil for eight days.

Smells. Clarence and Bill still claim to be very sensitive to Native smells. Have I lost the power of smell? Lars, "stale" Lars, is the only one who seems to me to have any odor and ravines have become as pleasant now as boats,

Monday, May 28. Parting Day.

at the Beach. Up at 4 a.m. both Clarence and Nathaniel and Enoch by two different watches. Clarence still gets

up like a shot. All are at breakfast, pictures of the Rescuing and the Rescued are taken - the coming squad and the departing all under pangs. A quick descent to the boats. The tide was just ebbing and the wind was offshore and behind. So brief farewells - we knew each other too well to speak much. Enoch took the bow, Clarence the passenger's seat amidships as the bottom, and Nathaniel the stem. Tide, wind, and paddles took them swiftly yet stably on their way. A dot along the cliffs, a speck off the distant point, then they were gone.

Thus friendships. In March he saw me go and turned back to his task. Now I have seen him go, until the point has hidden him from sight.

We may never meet again,  
but we shall remember. He  
gave himself that I might be  
a Peter Pan but in his turn  
has found himself. We are  
both the richer.

Moss and Grass. Plainly the  
grass grows where the snow  
failed to lie and the moss  
where the snow lay deepest.  
The distribution is a complex  
of slopes and prevailing wind.  
But even the moss this  
season looks dry and the  
waterholes found last season  
are already gone. Last season  
the snow was plentiful, this  
season it was scarce. The  
lakes have not risen but  
fallen instead. Only occasional  
rains can keep the hillsides bright  
Home. I paused to look  
at the Lake of the Sacred Heart  
and the Sitting Stone as I went.

up the hill to my summer life. The others had had their thoughts and homesickness too, but had turned briskly to duty and the morrow. Bill had remained at the Observatory that the observations might suffer no lapse. Gustav had elected to stay with him. I found the floor swept and scrubbed and Gustav baking biscuits. He realized his part to play and turned cheerily to Bill as his new guide. Today he has mended his chamois of Paul's, fetched water, prepared lunch and dinner and placed himself generally in charge of the housework. Bill aids with dishwashing and general suggestions. I likewise have shaved and turned to my routine duties. Tonight we have kept Sopers and shall continue to keep the traditions of industry and faithfulness.

that Clarence established.

Tuesday, May 29.

Cirrus Clouds. Today's sky made me keenly regretful that I had not brought the large camera. It was one great pattern of cirrus plumes and bunches, so symmetrical in its parts that a band of cumulus clouds lying near the horizon was an offense to the eye. Tho every cloud was changing detail constantly, the general pattern persisted thru this day. To study the direction of the currents aloft, Bill sent up balloons twice. The wind swinging round the compass evidently because of a very slight pressure fall shown by the cirrus and the barometer.

Nulu-isuuk (the Man who Does Not Understand). This seems to be a new name for me.

I thought that it might mean "fool" but Gustav says that it is singular. So I suppose it means that I do not understand what they say (for I use the sign language almost exclusively), or that I leave the final decision to them and do not boss.

Bill thought it the equivalent for "Easy Man", for the story has gone round that I treat the natives better than myself and am taken advantage of by them. I assured Bill that I would treat them as well as I would him or myself if we were physically able to stand it but that the natives had deliberately safeguarded me on many an occasion. I am fully satisfied with my experiment.

Gustav. The little fellow is a jewel. Yesterday he brought in a gun, which Bill said

he had used & hunt with.  
 It was much larger than  
 himself and so heavy that I  
 do not see how he could aim  
 it unless he laid it upon  
 some support. Yet he had  
 killed a hare and stacked  
 the storeroom with ptarmigan.

Today he resumed his regular  
 task of helping fill bellows. He  
 was expert as compared with  
 efforts of yesterday. Later he and  
 I did kitchenpolice duty together,  
 but he tried to anticipate me and  
<sup>He does all the plain factoring and never</sup>  
 do it first. Then at Vespers he <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~  
 set out the table with each toward  
 the window as he thought that  
 would be best for our eyes.  
 And this evening at the radio,  
 when a quartet was on and  
 Bill offered me his headphones,  
 he urged me to take his  
 saying "Manga, manga, April"  
 (I had very, very much in April).

But I accepted only one earphone, turning it around to my ear so that head to head we both listened in. The lad does not act as one under orders but as one who feels that he has his part to play and will play as well as the rest.

Wednesday, May 30. Memorial Day -

Flies. Flies were heard yesterday but they are droning today. The dryness of the spring may act as a birth control. I suppose that the ipanyak and the black flies will come in their turn but the plague of last summer seems very remote.

Amis Bird Hat. I asked Gustav the name of the bird that provided the feathers. He said: "Oratsuk" (O'ra chook). The feathers are only from the neck.

A Dream. Just a picture of the sunset of last Saturday, and the glory of color was on the rolling hills

18  
rather than in the sky. A picture so contrasty - dark hills and luminous sky. I took two exposures one bring out the best in the sky, the other in the hills. Each has its glory - a compromise might have captured the best of both.

And the views <sup>here</sup> of Kewatolok are impressive - the scene seen only by Brown men except myself. Gustav's eyes sparkled at the pictures.

The hills are slowly growing brighter. Perhaps the vegetation will become colorful.

Memorial Day. Bill told me yesterday and again this evening. But it seems unreal. Two years now since I have laid a tribute on old friends' graves and met with those whose mood was mine. That was done the Sunday of Sundays in spirit.

This evening I went to Florence's Hill to seek a site for a sunset view some supreme evening over the

little lake. I have found the site. Now I am waiting.

Thursday, May 31.

Harene's Lake. But I did not wait long. Upon starting for bed, I next <sup>before</sup> to the wind. Long hours of delicate cirrus in a sky of blue and rose lured me forth. The Sabbath stillness of the waters and the restraint in color seemed emblematic of the day. So I have taken my picture and named it "Memorial Day in Greenland". It is "Grey's Elegy by a Mountain Lake".

Evaporation Station Established. I now have two pans well placed in tundra on the windward and leeward sides of the Observatory Hill. Both are water pans, I need another for tundra. The pan blown down country two miles was so badly jarred by its collisions outside that Bill was obliged to resolder every seam and mend holes. Gustav and I went down to the house tonight to look for more arctic tundra to photograph.

and found my ice compartment gone.<sup>the latter</sup>  
and a coal oil can used as a bucket,  
even as far down as the first lake,  
and pieces of paper carried until  
they had stuck against an offering  
hillside.

Paul Marquardt. On Monday last said  
Godhavn. The river had arrived the  
end of the previous week. So Paul's  
stay was at daylight rather than at  
Copenhagen. How life will speed up  
for him.

Nobile. And Nobile lost between  
the Pole and Spitzbergen. I wonder  
why - At least, he landed at the  
Pole - City that he could not have  
brought his story back. This was  
his third flight to the Pole.

Friday, June 1.

Computing. Just plain computing  
of monthly weather summaries  
for Bill. We have no adding  
machine, and he dreaded the  
calculator. He marveled that a

college professor could do clerical work. I laughed and explained that I had spent twenty years computing snow and runoff. It is easy if you add by instinct but it must have been a computer who invented the adage: "He who hesitates is lost". Napoleon and others merely stole it.

Bill for his share went down with Gustav to clean the motor so we could be free to navigate the fjord.

Washing. Not I, only Bill. He has put an almost new pair of pants on to boil and this morning because his back became soared in packing kerosene, he took a bath and complete change of clothes. I tell him that I am glad he is not living in a geyser country, for if he was seized with the impulse to bathe, he might jump in. Bill lacks self-restraint. I have not had a bath since the tin-tub chill at Halskovsborg.

late in March, but the impulse  
is now above normal.

Saturday, June 2. Father Day.

Just busy. Nothing much but never  
ceasing. Looking over my color plates.  
Surprised at the quality of practically all.  
Will Doctor Hobbs let me keep them?

Mending a shirt. Helping with balloons.  
Weighing evaporation pans. Evaporation  
two-tenths inch in this father weather.

Humidity was down to 28 per cent so  
that we had to lower the temperature  
fan to avoid collision. Then Bill  
sharpened our knives and has been  
supervising a ham supper. He thinks  
that the folks at home would  
be jarred to see the mother experts  
mainly engaged in domestic duties. But  
such is expeditioning.

Bibles. Gustav has selections  
from the Bible which he reads  
whenever he wishes to relax in  
his house. This is his only reading  
but he enjoys it. In <sup>purely</sup> purity and pleasure

## Color Pictures Planned

Setting Stone ✓ - Town. midnight sun. June 2 ✓  
Split Rock ✓

Sunset for Paul. Soon. → Observatory from  
Midnight Sun North Pole ✓  
Tundra. white flowers ✓  
Blueberries in Bloom.  
Fiord in Blue Gray effects  
Flag Flower.

Ice front  
Kirke  
Winding Streams  
sunrise from Ice  
Blue and Green waters.

Tundra base - above Sandstone  
" " - with Brain Cliffs mirrored

Goose Lake - Red Flowers + Sand Dune  
Desert Plants.

Green Hillside above Falls for fresh

Blue Bells.

Caribou Moss on Harejaga -

Cañon walls of lower Grand

Icebergs.

Hatsteinsberg from Cemetery for Clarence  
" - Old Building.

" - Ministers at Church door.

" - Mrs David Olsen.

it reminds me of Abraham Lincoln.

Our Bible is the White House Cook Book, so named since the early days of our expedition. But when Clarence called for our Okalutsook (Bible) and then in accordance therewith took out flour from the can and butter and baking powder from the shelf, Gustav decided that there must be some fundamental difference between our Scriptures and his. Now he brings it from our shelf with a laugh, when called for.

Gustav is an odd little fellow and toils longer than a white dog of his size could be expected to do over the cooking. He is a good <sup>understudy</sup> of Clarence's and shows us how it's done when we are uncertain. He has a pipe quite too large for his size. Some day I must get a picture of his pipe in mouth bending over the cooking.

An Anomaly - On Excuse, internationalism, the silence Bill fails to get my point

of view, yet says he lives me better every day. He is sure that I am a college professor and a teacher of the Classics because I never express an opinion but say: "Let us look at it this way". I didn't realize that only scientists were dogmatic. Do they <sup>do</sup> not look beyond their micrometers and scales? But the North is slowly laying firm hands on Bill. Social life as such is gradually fading in significance. The Infinite will ultimately come.

A Bath. It deserves a separate title and heading. Bill has been reading to me from our Cook-book Bible this evening some hints and etiquette on health. The reaction has come, but it started like the "mid-latitude" storm several days ago. The heating stove has been started and the windows and ventilators closed in preparation for the cold. Then I am to go

immediately to bed.

Sunday, June 3. Sunday.

First Mosquito. The flies must have awakened the mosquitoes. The first one appeared today. It seemed like the declaration of hostilities. Bill is already stirred to apprehension and preparedness, but my frenzy will come later.

Ice Gone. The tohu with its high temperature and wind has been too much for the ice in the lakes. Only the lakes in the east & north still retains any, and yet yesterday our lake in the northwest was half covered. However, the ice was already thin and rotten. The <sup>lace of interfl between the</sup> departure of the ice and the arrival of the mosquito shows how winter and summer overlap. Indeed the flowers have long been blooming on the banks of icebound lakes and ice can be felt beneath the beds of moss. On the warmer slopes the rhododendron

shows large mats of color and the blueberry is putting out its tiny pink buds. The delicate and early-blooming flowers remind me of our desert flora home.

Sunday Observance. Bill suggested a little less unnecessary work today as it was Sunday. It seemed odd but comfortable to be at leisure.

The very leisure seemed a semi-substitute for church. I read somewhat in an old copy of the Saturday Evening Post, but aside from present problems, I seem somehow to prefer masterpieces. Current fiction is clever but uncomfortably faintly in power or satisfaction.

"Gustav Pinchon". So I said to the little fellow yesterday with a pat on the shoulder. He was washing dishes but did not lift his head. The words meant too much for that. But I felt that he had earned them and I wanted him to know.

Bill would be quite willing to spend the winter alone with Gustav as assistant and Gustav smiles appreciatively at the idea. But just now he is preparing to "fly the coop" when the Big Boss comes.

"The  
a few  
the Da  
of ex,  
Now  
joke  
as  
out

Look up  
and stick  
in that  
degree  
sign  
before  
page

38

expedition: It is  
<sup>on</sup> used by  
the intimacy  
of Native women.

with a  
results at Sakuradli  
pedition passed  
that me at  
that phase of

1. We must  
above the Arctic Circle.  
at midnight  
for the rise of the  
sun it failed to  
rise after early December last winter.  
To misjudge the many night scenes

Bell would be quite willing to spend the winter alone with Gustav as assistant and Gustav smiles appreciatively at the idea. But just now he is preparing to "fly the coop" when the Big Boss comes in.

"The Results of the Expedition". It is a low slang expression used by the Danish press of the intimacy of expeditioners with Native women. Now comes Matthias with a jocing report of such results at Sarveddli as our winter expedition passed out. I had hoped that we at least had passed that phase of the Hameria Age.

Midnight Sunset. We must assuredly be situated above the Arctic Circle. Last night the sun at midnight barely disappeared below the rim of the mountains. In like manner it failed to rise after early December last winter. To visualize the many night scenes

we had enjoyed from the Sitting Stone, I walked down in the twilight amid the chirping of the birds to photograph the soft lights and colors over tundra and rock and sky.

I should like to have included the Sitting Stone in the foreground of the picture but the hill to the south slopes off too sharply to obtain a standpoint. Oddly, Observatory Hill is all "rights" and no "lefts". The radio mast, the Observatory, the Sitting Stone are all situated on the southern brow of the hill and could be readily photographed in any southern sunset but resist inclusion in the northern. So how to obtain local color - shall I say setting - for Paul's Christmas gift picture is a problem.

Monday, June 4.

A Record Run. - Only a very few black balloons are left and the white balloons soon become indistinct in the blue sky. However, flights

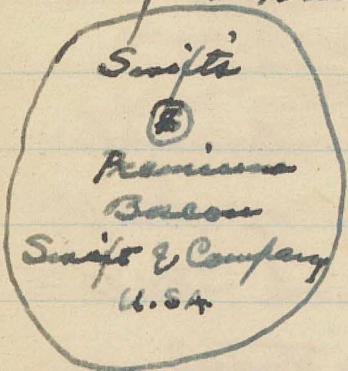
for 57 minutes have been made by Bill with them. Today he placed Gustav at the theodolite. The little fellow is sharp-eyed and had often followed balloons for Clarence. He clambered up the rocks of the base and "glued himself" to the eyepiece. The minutes crept up toward the "57." Bill: "Gustav, nani balloon." Gustav: "What you say?" and with a chuckle "Wanga, mang balloon." Then above 57 and still he stayed at the eyepiece. We began to doubt, but the increase in angles was consistent. Then Bill placed his eye to the eyepiece. At first, he could see nothing. His eye was unadjusted. Then: "yes, still there." I suggested putting our fieldglass onto the eyepiece. Suddenly at 70 minutes, Gustav burst out: "No, No, No, nani balloon" and unclimbed his instrument. The balloon had burst. High time too, for he had followed it alone 38,000 feet, to the region where oxygen

tours are used and mountain peaks are no more. Bill is going to see if Gustav can break this record this afternoon - but rubber as aged as ours can probably not stand such supreme tests twice in succession.\*

Mosquitoes Ampleo. The mosquitoes are now active outside - on Bill - and have entered the house. So Gustav and I have been giving Bill mental protection by closing all apertures with mosquito netting, including the kitchen ventilator, which looks now like a lady in a summer veil. But we are puzzled how to close the stone draft and the door. We have no material for the latter. Better to leave that open so the mosquitoes can get out.

Bookmarks. I chanced to pick up Gustav's Oxfutzit (Bible). John 3.16 "God so loved the world" caught my eye by its poetic

form and John 16. 16-22 underlined. Among the leaves were bookmarks or keepsakes; labels from our Swift's ham and bacon and beef:



Swift's wafer (B) Sliced Dried Beef 5 lbs Net Swift & Company, U.S.A.	U.S. Inspected and Passed by Department of Agriculture Established 1873
---	--

But the labels are so modest yet richly done in red, gold, white, and blue that we ourselves would select them as bookmarks except for their associations. These, however, do not trouble Gustav. It is said that cellar-door is one of the most melodious words in the English language — only it got wrongly attached.

Danish Press News: "America's aviator Hassell will fly over Greenland the middle of July and land at the field in Sandre Stromfjord." We had hoped and

believed that this would not come to pass. We do not see how it can successfully be done.

"Ptarngigan Stor": This word, "The Big Ptarngigan" was invented by Clarence and Bill to explain to Gustav the coming of the flying machine this summer. Bill told him the news again today.

They have even invented names for Gustav: "Dirty Neck" (by Clarence), and "Stinks" (by Bill). Gustav knows the meaning of the first and has become a good neck washer, but he thinks the second nice. So Bill is in a quandry.

The lad is accumulating phrases. "Thank you" and "You're welcome" are ever on his tongue but frequently interchanged, as this afternoon. When I offered to empty the trash box, he said with deep appreciation "You're welcome". He is quite adept at responsiveness.

in Qill's skit "That's my baby";  
and sings with understanding:  
"It aint going to rain no more

<sup>in Heck going</sup>  
~~Hand~~ wash you neer  
if it aint going to rain no more.  
He seems unable to use my the frequently told  
Perhaps we can find a melody cure  
for the smells.

Tuesday, June 5.

Midnight Vigils. For two midnights  
I have sat up to see the sunset.  
Tonight Gustav and I may walk  
all night to Unanuk. Last night  
I was fortunate. I caught the sun  
as it was sinking behind the  
horizon rim perhaps for the last  
time this season and casting  
soft color over rolling hills and  
nesting lakes. When it had sank,  
a canopy of cloud overshadowed  
it and caught its gold! I hastened  
to the Sitting Stone to get the old  
setting for this glory. I succeeded  
beyond anticipations, for I caught

also the reddish brown of the tundra brought out in all its warmth by the sunset glow. So now I have two midnight views from the Sitting Stone, the first in more subdued twilight and greener tones. They together will represent Green Greenland at its tenderest.

Flowers. I took a bed of purple rhododendron and cowslips(?) today. It was beautiful to observe in the camera but is somewhat overexposed. So my moss picture is still my best of this kind. I must try again. It was flowers that first turned my thoughts to color pictures.

Tummanuk. Not Tummanuk (heat) as we have called it but <sup>UNUK</sup> Tummanuk (sugar loaf or similar). So the Natives call it. We have put the question of time of going up to Gustav but he insists that he is ready when I am. I am sleepy tired, so I have

suggested sleeping all night in our bunks tonight; then walking all tomorrow night. He promptly appeared. Bill will cook breakfast and we shall sleep late. So we shall be in time to hasten up and back.

Wednesday, June 6. Balloon Day and little ~~Elec~~  
Alas, poor Rochester! I was up  
for a moment last midnight. The  
sun had set again but the moon  
was bright and the colors of the  
near sun stretched along the  
horizon. The blue was tantalizing  
for a picture.

I thought of the poor rooster. No  
sooner to bed than up to crow.  
"And what of the owl?" queried Carlson.  
He must live like a stone mason -  
eat or catch so much in the dark  
of the year that he can sleep in  
the light. Only the stone mason's  
lot is reversed. But perhaps  
our roosters, tricked by the  
occasional eclipse to go to bed,

may learn wisdom from the gulls. They now ignore the light, and go to bed by the clock and get up by it.

Boils? Bill was alarmed this morning. But it was a mosquito bite, almost as bad as a boil in its poison to those who are susceptible. I'm immune.

a Record Flight. Buster and I got a twelve hour sleep last night in preparation for our trip to Laramie. But we are beginning to sing: "We aint going there anymore, any more." Three set dates have failed - first was weather, then was pictures, now it is balloons. The gambling spirit is taking firm hold. Today we made a balloon flight of 190 minutes, just ten minutes less than three hours, and the world's record is only three hours and some minutes. <sup>29070 meters or</sup> The altitude is, nearly 95,000 feet.

Now that balloon must have stretched  
- if it didn't leak. a mosquito riding  
on it would have wondered what  
was happening to the pavement under  
his feet, and had he known that  
it must ultimately burst he would  
have been nervous indeed. a  
twenty-mile drop or parachute back  
home is no <sup>sa</sup> mean run. For  
a human, unsupported, it would  
mean meteoric dust.

Nedermeyer is credited with  
an altitude at Godhra of 39,000 meters  
but the balloon must plainly have  
leaked and has been questioned by him.

We were lucky, for the balloon  
crossed and recrossed overhead and  
drove mainly toward the sun, so  
that it was well illuminated and  
not too far away. Bill hoped to  
exceed an hour - we had got 78  
minutes in the flight this morning.  
But as the minutes increased -  
toward two hours, Bill began a

series of short relays with Gustav so that the balloons might not fade out thru eye strain. At 111 Minutes: Bill "No", then quickly "yes" and the record lengthened; at 138 Minutes Gustav took the eye-piece: "Two balloons!" Bill: "Nani, Gustav: Gustav: "He, He"; as his jones sank in. And in parody of Bill's rhapsody on the sun's spotlighting the balloon, wrote into the record:

"Shine on, O Sun, shine on"  
and signed it Joshua Carlson.  
We were now midway in the  
third sheet and beginning to expect  
an all night vigil, when as suddenly  
as a prize fight ends, Carlson exclaimed:  
"She's gone. Busted". All previous  
records, save possibly one and  
that one questioned, were beaten  
by twice.

If course, we three must stay  
on the job while high fliers can

be made. One could not possibly do it alone. I have explained to Gustav that Bill wants "Manga, manga balloon" tomorrow. Some shall "shiner" here. He is <sup>as</sup> proud of breaking the record as any. So tonight he is resting in his bunk smoking and laughing saying: "Unamuk Name; agao. Agao name" (Unamuk No; tomorrow. Tomorrow No). He can read figures somewhat, and could ultimately learn to read the theodolite and record.

He prefers English and answers our Eskimo with English replies. "Me," "Thank you", "You're welcome", "yes, Sir", the latter called possibly from "yes, Sir, that's my baby"; and "Butter-fingers". He can remember "Butte" and if he lets anything slip and fall, he asks for the full word and then calls himself "Butte-finger".

You Can't Eat your Cake and Keep it Too.  
My accumulating boxes of color

pictures are giving me a strange feeling of dissatisfaction, for I know thereby that my supply of fresh plates is equally diminishing. I am proud of what I have, but I want to get more, and there may be better pictures than I've found. Is this the gambling spirit, as with balloons, or the spirit of progress? It's a hard master at best.

Bill feels the same about the balloons. To maintain the present pace, a relay of observers should be had with recuperation at some rest camp every second day. Otherwise aching eyes and heads and weariness of everything. Since it does not cloud up badly in the summer, long runs will be the rule. Record taking and computing must be shared by others.

P.S.: Bill's Mathematics. Balloon

runs 4 hrs. 8 min. Confuting balloon runs... twice as long as it takes to make them Total... 12 hrs for balloon runs alone.

Observations... hourly and increased to one hour and fifteen minutes each time due to delay, <sup>from</sup> stooping and rising in passing three tiny Eskimo doors. Total... 18 hrs. Grand Total 30 hrs (at least in feelings). But Bill says: "No, 67 hrs" if ~~listening~~<sup>waiting</sup> the diary is included.

Thursday, June 7-

Gustav and the Diary. Gustav has become much interested in the diary and yesterday he tried to read it. But he understands me when I read out of it about him to Bill and yells with merriment when I reproduce his jokes.

Last night we thought that he needed pills and persuaded him to take a small doctor-aid "depth bomb". He decided that

which he <sup>was</sup> laughing called  
a <sup>\*</sup> staminogen egg.

he wouldn't get into his sleeping bag, because Bill laughed, and intimated that he knew the effect by his laconic words: "agor, magna anar". But the bomb turned out to be a plain "dud". However, he says that he feels better.

Colored Glasses for all. These record flights are trying on the eyes of all, for the sun is as bright as in the semi-arid West. Gustav uses only one eye at the theodolite and diverts that often to look for ptarmigan small (mosquitoes) on his hands. And Bill has tried to be efficient by working up the results on his slide-rule while reading the <sup>river</sup> vernier. Consequently, both are now wearing colored glasses to ward off further eye strain, and I have been invited to enjoy

myself following the balloon. But I tell them the story of Tom Sawyer and Whitewashing the Fence. However, I may offer to share my easy job of recording.

Our Second Flight Trimmed. Bill feels badly. I had made it 170 minutes. It should have been 161. In my excitement I jumped it ten. After the exultation of 170, the revised 161 looks so small - just like 99 cents as compared with \$1.00. However, the high altitude was correct and that is what counts.

Today we set out to do something high, but the balloon popped at 77 minutes - a good record at that and equal to all but our best.

Suck. Bill attributes it all to the rabbit foot carried by Gaston yesterday and deposited today by Bill on the head of the theodolite. I quite agree with him but argue

that we are luckier still  
in having taken an aged  
rabbit from the pantry and  
placed it on a rock far down  
the hill.

Hause Work. Bill says that  
I am always last to meals to  
avoid wasting my own time tho'  
not that of others. So today I  
have done penance for my  
conscience by fixing the screen  
door and cooking supper. If  
you have humbly you can get  
there the first. The supper also  
was a change — campfried potatoes  
and omelet from eggandler.  
I have offered to show the others  
how it was done (I never was  
a cook) and shall go back to  
dish wiping.

Boils, Bites, and Bruises. Then  
these B's. Bill loves fondly at  
his bites and wishes that it  
were a boil — just to be exciting.

and I, immune & bitter, have splashed  
the top of my head with iodine to keep  
the <sup>bruises</sup> from spreading. I  
am fully satisfied without the bumps,  
but a baldhead seems to invite them.

Friday, June 8.

What Day? This is Friday by my  
diary, but I would not know it  
otherwise except by the calendar that  
Gustav faithfully scratches out day by day.  
Of course we are tied closely to the  
hours but to be free from at least  
the days is rest indeed.

All limits off on Color Pictures. I knew  
that we had more color plates but  
they had just disappeared until yesterday  
when I found them in a paper bag  
imitating food. They are old but  
may still be good. If so, I shall  
take more pictures of the flowers  
in season and a hill-slope view of  
the Observatory with its mountain lawn  
of green and purple flowers. I may  
even take one of the head of the Fjord.

46

To show the milkygray glacial water.\*

Off for Unalakleet. Only one balloon flight Sunday and that in the afternoon. So Gustav and I set out early tomorrow afternoon. Gustav thought it was a joke until I told him "Ap-suaq" (yes-big). I hope that he will not be obliged to unpack again. I spent my extra hours this afternoon marking a bamboo into a 15-foot scale. Why not mark the feet and inches on any fishing pole? It might produce a race of truthful fishermen.

Gustav and His Diary. Gustav has a little diary of his own as Maria had last winter. He is making out a wordlist of our words tonight. This afternoon Bill started to teach him to work the slide-rule, but he quickly protested Nulooa (I don't know). He counts readily in English, however. His "thirteen" sounds like the flutter or whirr of ptarmigan wings, so

strongly does he flatter his "r".  
 Since the Chinese, the Esquimos do not have the letter or sound "r" and so pronounce it "l" or with artificial emphasis. Bill has written a title page for his diary somewhat as follows:  
 "Diary of Gustav Kleist. His Journal  
 A Eskimo Eskimoan - a man

Dr. J. E. Church,

amerika	kut	grlsin kut.	kusav	kustavnukut
America	good	Carlson good.	Gustav	Gustav, no good.
asassaka	uku	kalsun tasutst*	=Friends	both Carlson Doctor Church
kalsun	n	tanrkijur jualkam	klasis	kut ajugni <sup>t</sup> uk (=Esquimo "good").
Carlson	mats	balun	glasses	good
carlson	much	balloon		

<sup>agblatuk</sup>  
 agpun agblatuk kustav kleist  
 Typewriter Gustav Kleist  
 ikirasak kangirl<sup>ssuak</sup>  
 Ikirasak kut. Kangertigssuak  
 good

\* Gustav says that the typewriter was all off.  
 \*\* mis-spelled and so repeated.

ASASSAKA - Gustav explained this word by saying "you and me wenguluk (all right) and carpon and me wenguluk and ~~because~~ therefore friends. What better definition possible?"

strongly does he flatter his "r".  
Like the Chinese, the Esquimos do not  
have the letter or sound "r" and so  
pronounce it "l" or with artificial  
emphasis. Bill has written a title  
page for his diary somewhat as follows:  
"Diary of Gustav Kleist. His Journal  
of Remarkable Experiences among  
the Foreigners".

A Native Try at the Typewriter. Clarence  
let Gustav play with it. I'm glad he did -  
yesterday or before he had it again. The  
result is the appended letter. Bill  
typed my name. Gustav did the rest.  
With Gustav's aid Bill and I have translated  
it. Its burden is friendship and  
thanks for colored glasses and interest  
in the balloons. The misspellings are  
phonetic and typewriter victims. But  
the misuse is far better than Mark  
Twain's facsimile of the original type-  
written letter.

A New Form of an Old Joke. Just a hair in the apricots. Gustav found it. It was too long <sup>the</sup> of one of his and too dark for Billie. Bill is a Finn-Swede. Then he looked up at me and shook his head. He didn't dare crack the joke but burst out laughing. I was too bald. Some fair niviarsiaq (lady) of southern lands had dropped it in when the apricots were evaporated. But me didn't save it.

We have had apricots again as a bedtime dish tonight. I had too much and offered Gustav some. - But with a gesture curve outward from neck to stomach he said: "all full".

Saturday, June 9.

Bill in Furs. How can a man have been in the Arctic if he has not had his picture taken in furs? So Bill dressed up this morning, bearing the heat for the rare

of his picture. We avoided all flourishes.  
The sealers' pants still refused  
to tell whether their inmate was  
coming or going, but Bill's smiling  
face showed that. He persisted  
in facing the camera, for in  
sixty years he hoped to show  
the pictures to his grandchildren  
in proof. However, I did get one  
side view in hood and mittens  
at the theodolite for official purposes.  
Bill says that they are good pictures.  
They're sure to be, for Bill is  
our best looker.

and <sup>This was yesterday.</sup> I in whiskers. And in a box with  
a camera in my lap and a grin  
on my face. "A college professor!"  
exclaimed Bill. "If you could only see  
yourself. You make me laugh".  
"A Cassicist too" I retorted. So with  
him also I retain the honors  
of the worst looker and  
freest talker, <sup>too</sup> for I had just  
used the word "bester" as a

comparative for "best" in accepting his recent Balloons flight as the best until we had a better. It may be an odd one for a Classical training but I prefer to look wide and forward to the man that is to be and not the perfect man that was.

Close ups. Last night my thought was on the distant view, today it has been on close-ups. When I sat on the box yesterday with that camera in my lap, I was studying the Graflex and learning how to keep all objects in focus. I knew that a small aperture would make the edges of the picture sharper, but I thought that this was necessary only for cheap lenses, not for the best like ours. So I closed the stop of the Graflex from 4.5 to 8 and worked wonders into my picture of flowers.

and tundra, for all now stood out almost as if seen by the natural eye. The saddle of peaks near ground and far ground had come out of the haze. I rocked in and asked Bill to kick me. My traditions of good lenses and wideopen stops had been proven false no whit too soon. And I pretend to be of an enquiring nature.

A Cirrus Dream. I was not only up last night looking for sunsets but I stood by the window reading Professor Humphreys' "Fog and Clouds." And then I dreamed. The little balls of <sup>cirrus</sup> cloud thrown upward like a meteor and trailing behind them veils of snow dust became to me a view into azure grottoes of ice, opening ever deeper as giant crystals split from the infinite wall and veils of drifting snow fell over each newmade surface.

It was the view into the ice depths of Dassernak turned upward and into the fathomless heavens.

Lunch Call. "C'mon! Knife, biscuit, butter, spoon, plate, case". So calls Gustav as he plays chef and practises his English. He is so short that his waist scarcely comes up to our low table and he has to stand on a box to reach our six foot rafters.

Boat-mending. But he is willing to serve, where at home he would be served and by the women of the house. He never mended kamiks before, but he has undertaken to mend <sup>two</sup> pair for me, heels and soles, inside and out, and disreputably run over at the heels by too large a foot. I am to give him two kroner. He is sitting in his bunk

and working as earnestly as  
a tailor.

\* A Forced Trip. To Unanak and  
back in 24 hours, twenty-two miles  
each way Bill calls it. We  
leave at 4 p.m. and return  
by 4 p.m. tomorrow. Bill will  
postpone his balloon flight until  
then. If we do not return the  
second day, he may come after  
us. In our turn, we hope to  
find him safe when we come  
back. It's ten hours up and  
ten hours back, if we don't tire  
out, with two hours for sleep  
and two for work at the further  
ends. But we shall walk slowly  
and carry minimum packs.  
We set out on time.

Redolent Hemus. At the foot of  
the mountain trail, Gustav suddenly  
stopped and sniffed the air and  
pointed to the deepening green  
of the leaves, saying "Picakor".

54  
He was getting back in homeland once more! The moist earth, the vivid green spore of the sea and of food, and the pink blueberry blossoms he gathered in his hand spore of water for the thirsty. The smells reminded me too of the soil lands at home and the green of our own country-side. They are harbingers of spring and of comfort. They precede the call of the misty hills and the sunset, and are essential to the latter. I too said "Pinakok",

Packs. at the Radio Hut (to Gustav it is the Igloosiat), we made up our packs. Being the larger and the instigator of the forced trip, I took the bulk of the loads. But Gustav protested: "Me nani" (me nothing) and would not be satisfied until he had more. Now he has the paraffin half-tent tied to the back of his

xuapax, but still looks at the outfit with a laugh and says "Piccaninny". He is so tiny that Doctor Hobbs rodax when hung on his back this morning looked like a moderate size pack, for it filled all the space between his shoulder blades.

Many Pictures. I left the Grafton behind to save time and weight but kept a sharp lookout for color pictures. The trail down the hill is full of pictures, especially of fields of red rhododendron. And more even beyond than I thought. In the long timber aisle leading over the hills to Dary Camp is one stately bunch of rhododendron in perfect flower. We placed a bamboo there and shall return. In the descent to above the Fiord we found the Fire Weed blooming and the "sea washin"

plant" with its dainty pink stars ready for the camera and at Umanok the "buttercups", growing in tiny fields, not in small clusters only, and the moss on the rocks was at its freshest. Most of these must remain memory pictures. The season is dry and it will be long before I can return.

Lunch. Alone Dang Camp at 8 p.m. we had our first lunch. All might better be called by that name. Biscuits and dried currants tied in a handkerchief. Crisper biscuits I never ate. As delicate as pie crust and fit for tarts. Gustav has mastered the secret.

At 11 p.m. at the far head of the fjord in the "Valley of the lost Violet" we had a second meal - this time of soup and oatmeal. The tiny sand stream was still holding out tho reduced to shallow pools.

"yes, sir". At times I had turned to the tiny figure trailing me close and queried: "Dinguluk?" (all right). And each time had come back the prompt reply "yes, sir", with proud intonation. Should we now time walking until 2 a.m. and our destination? "yes, sir". To sleep for him if I did not sleep, even when we were resting.

Birds and Clouds. There was no night and no transition from day to day. The clouds gathered eastward in alto-cumulus fleeces with rich blue sky between. The sun was hidden by mountains and clouds but threw its midnight colors against the south. Every lake seemed to have its geese, who flew circling overhead at our approach. An occasional ptarmigan was flushed. In the evening a hare was sitting on a distant hill,

but then the night we saw  
only tracks, wide-spaced enough  
for a coyote.

Sunday, June 10 -

at 2 a.m. the new day in  
birdland began with twitterings  
and chirpings. It seemed to  
come suddenly tho only impercepti-  
lighter. And with it came our  
arrival at Unangan and our rest.

Under a Tarp. On the old  
tent site by the side of roaring  
waters we lay down in our  
paraffin tarpaulin. Gustav in  
Native fashion would have used  
it as a tent and crawled under,  
but I suggested rolling up in  
it to keep <sup>out</sup> the dampness from  
the tundra. He was asleep  
in a moment, while I thought  
out schedules of work and return.  
At first I allotted myself fifteen  
minutes for rest. Then suddenly  
an hour had passed. Somehow

another hour did not seem too much, if we worked fast thereafter. But it was rest, not sleep, for I shook with cold until Gustav must have rattled. At 4 a.m. at second call, when sleep had been somewhat banished, he answered heartily "Yes, Sir" and our new day began.

A Maestrale. The river was not as high as last summer. The Dory Camp is still dry and pools of water among the boulders at Luanuk are gone, but the sense of power in the waters seemed more vivid. Even in waking from his sleep, Gustav had said: "Wagner, magna water": and as we climbed the stream, the impression grew. It was not the cold waking from sleep, for the climb had quickly warmed us into alertness, but rather the change in standpoint

or viewpoint as we approached the gate.

Sloping rocks and roaring water had keyed us up, but the gate was staggering. Here where I hoped that the water would slide smoothly tho' swiftly thru', the water on the distant side was clearing like a mad course or in its sudden upheaval like some explosion, while on the near side the stream flowed suddenly. Up stream the waters tumultuously prepared for the mad burst. No chance for getting stream heights here even if the waters were level, for the rock shelf sloped steeply down into the boiling water. There was no overhang. And as far flew, as well to you a mad and a balsy horse into one team. The attempt would be as futile as measuring the Niagara swill.

The shallow pebbly stretch below the south fork or the tiny stream at Canoe Camp afforded the only other chances. Elsewhere gravitation and summer were making fireworks of the waters. And yet in March we had traversed only placid ice-bound pools.

The milk-white water was no longer muddy and offensive. but like parent to the soft carpet of grey moss where I stood. We turned back to the meadow and the boulders to quietude and our morning meal.

The Cache, as we came in we had passed the cache under the ledge where it was to have been placed as I left camp last autumn. How Bengtson considered it as on the river bank is still a mystery. The cache had <sup>apparently</sup> not been robbed but rather pillaged by foxes. The tents and my sleepingbag cover had

been chewed at the edges. However, I did not inventory the contents of the bed roll. It was now 6 a.m. as we passed it on our way out and our schedule would permit no further delay.

A Last Look. As we rounded the bend of the river, we paused to look upstream and take a picture. The mountain gate widened gradually as it rose and looked tranquil in its greenness. But in its narrow throat the water leaped and glistened in the morning sun. The distant scene was translated into terms of sound by the relentless roar of waters at our feet.

Written from  
"Last Look" Rock



Footprints. Back up and back we found the footprints of Carlson's and Gustav's trip in May. They had shown a sure instinct for the trail.

Now it was "me and Carlson" and again "Carlson, co-anga(me)", as I questioned Gustav regarding the marks. He pointed out even the lakes where they had cooked their meal and a spot on the trail marked byhardtack where they had eaten on their return.

As we left the river bend, I queried him regarding fresh tracks. He answered "you, me, yesterday". His sleep or keener time sense marked this as a new and second day, but with me it required an effort to distinguish yesterday from last night and today. The bird notes were my only boundary between day and day. Time with me had become God's time of "yesterday, today, and forever".

And all the way back he guided me from behind with

errorless exactness along the ledges where detours must be made. Once over the ground he remembered it fully. If he led, he looked back often to see that he was not leading too fast, but he preferred to follow and kept back step at my heels.

"Augh!" His one relaxation was listening for my "Augh!" when disgusted. It sounded so much like a guff bear. He would mimic me too. There was something so unhumanly primitive about it that it caught my fancy and we both used it as a jest.

Weary? Yes, weary until falling when my feet tangled in dead brush and rolling down sand dunes when I chanced to sit sideways on their slopes. The first roused Gustav's near solicitude for it involved my injured arm, but the latter

stirred his hearty merriment and mine too. But we kept our pace and our meals as planned, and by occasional removal of boats rested our feet and strangely relieved growing lameness at the hips.

Boat Harbors. We returned from Day Camp by the more direct route along the head of the bays to look for harbors. One would give shelter to small boats from both southeast and southwest winds if the boat could shift anchorage at the critical time, but a boat could not be left indefinitely alone.

Water Temperatures. If we could not measure the volume of water flowing from the ice to the sea, we could note its quick rise in temperature as it spread itself out to the sun: Unumur 1.0°C; off Point South Arm 1.7°C; in shallow braided stream of Sand Flat 14.5°C

for slack water and  $11.3^{\circ}\text{C}$ . for flowing; where stream and tide meet at Base Camp  $7.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Thus from freezing to warm and then to chill again. The brook waters tell the same tale:  $3.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . in the narrow shaded brook in bmanuk meadow and  $15.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . in the shallow sand pools of the Valley of the Lost Violet.

Up the Hill. The change from tundra to rocks and thence to packed sand and again to hills and down grade had relieved our legs so that the hard trail up the hill was relatively a pleasure. But repassing at Radio Hut and falling asleep as we sat down to rest lengthened our schedule a half hour at least beyond four. The occasional sleep, <sup>lying and water fitting</sup>, seemed necessary to renew our steam.

Bill and Balloons. Bill meanwhile had been growing.

partly of his own will and partly  
through mosquitoes. He had not even  
waited for us but flown his  
balloon and weighed my evaporating  
pans as well. And during the  
flight of the balloon, he had fled  
to the house for a veil and  
returned in time to recover  
the balloon <sup>all</sup> this besides keeping  
the record.

Toasted and Only. Bill saw to  
that. I wanted a bath but would  
not walk the distance of the lane  
for the water and a bath when  
less weary seemed safer, so  
said my physician, also Bill.  
Gustav fell asleep in his bower  
and only vigorous dramatic exertion  
on the part of Bill roused him  
out of anorak, pants, and stockings.  
It was too cold to have him  
out of his sleeping bag.

No Airplane Field. I went to  
sleep with one conviction born

of my trips viz. that the sand flat below the Cause Camp was nowise different than the sand flat below Ununuk save only in size. And if no different, then wholly unsuitable as a landing place for aeroplanes. Even the hard patches seemed hard only on top, not deep-hardened like our dry alkali lakes of the West. Fiords and lakes, however, look inviting for seaplanes.

Monday, June 11.

Rested. Odd it seems but I am not lame and am practically rested. Only my feet are red and slightly sensitive. Gustav is about as usual, Our leisurely pace seemed to give the maximum economy of strength. But Gustav would prefer a faster pace and more frequent stops for rest. However,

he refused vigorously to allow me to stop on his account tho he sat down promptly whenever I rested.

Ribs and Arm, But I still feel cracked into and winged. The strain of packing and falling still tells, tho after the Cane formula every day shows steady improvement. Finally and imperceptibly I shall pass beyond their memory.

Nobile. A message last night said that a radio message from Nobile had been caught by an American amateur saying that all were alive at 86° and could live a month. Now to find them and bring them food or get them out.

I can appreciate hunting that little group somewhere in the Arctic ice, for less than a month ago we set out on foot for a tiny house on

a distant peer leagues from  
the habitation of man. Gradually  
our food gave out until rations  
for only one day remained and  
but a handful of bullets. But  
we knew ridge by ridge our  
goal and believed that all was  
well there. Thus certainty against  
uncertainty, a little group well  
and at home and a group  
waiting relief.

Where would we like to be buried?  
at lunch Bill raised the question.  
Except that I could not be cremated  
I should like to be buried beneath  
the great rock on Florence's Hill,  
overlooking the lake and the  
fiord. Bill preferred to lie  
near roaring waters and I  
promised that the boys and I  
would take him to the gate  
at Lemminkie. No nobler place  
could I think of for a Viking  
son of the North Land. These

to be agreements in case I "kicked out" or he — (I finished) "departed". Of course, McRae, if I return to the Southland. But the burial places of Scott and Shackleton have seemed so fitting and the hunter's tomb on Nakajang.

Wash or Pack Gasoline. Bill has issued the order that I take a bath tomorrow and wash my clothes. He doesn't believe in a clothes-bag. But when I suggested a previous plan of packing gasoline he quickly relented.

Old Color Plates. My smaller aperture worked wonders but the old Agfa plates are losing their color around the edges. Still the pictures of moss and the Observatory with its lawn of rhododendrons and green are pictures worth having. However, a very small stop

with an overcast sky left  
another picture flat indeed.

Bill seems to think that I am  
always seeking something better and  
am never satisfied! He mimics  
my enthusiastic announcement of  
improvements to a "T" and  
how I transplanted cowslips  
among rhododendrons to make  
a "pretty" picture. I wish that  
I could record both words and  
intonations. They are delicious  
and would make a livelier  
portrait of me than any camera.

Our Flag Down. Our Expedition  
Flag has been flying for some  
days and has quickened the  
pulse of us all. But Gustav  
has taken it down for repairs  
and states that hereafter it  
shall be a Sabbath flag. This  
will at least make Sunday  
a more definite day. Pity that  
we could not continue the

custom thru the summer.

It might close out that Bible parody of "six days shall thou labor and on Sunday work like Hell".

Tuesday, June 12. Diary Day.

Diary Day. And all day too. Yesterday Gustav leaned his elbows on the table and his chin on his palms to watch me write, uttering admiringly yet sympathetically "magna, magna" writing. He knows that he has a large share in what I'm writing and understands the allusions too. To catch up after the trip has been a long task.

Only Three years Between Them. Gustav and Bill, the diminutive and the tall, the Eskimo and the Viking, one still childlike as a child of ten, the other masterful and mature. Yet cronies both and Gustav proudly demanding the responsibilities of manhood and clever withal.

Bible Reading. - Bill and I are reading the Bible. Gustav listens and recognizes the year, day of his own scriptures as I do at Native church service. Gustav also explains that his Bible in his book is only selections from the larger Danish Bible.

Bill brought the Bible at his Mother's request and his own desire. But I started reading because I called him "Martha" and he wanted to know the story. Now we have agreed to read together, I to do the reading and he the listening. It takes away the feeling of homesickness, he says, and it brings me renacee. Last night I read the first of the Sermons on the Mount. When it is done, we shall read the Gospel of John. It is so loving and human.

Bill's Evolution. Bill and I are having Bedtime Tales, but I fear that I am doing the talking.  
<sup>Last night</sup> Bill wondered if I knew why he quoted the closing lines of Thanatosis. Life in the North is acquiring a larger meaning. Radio and jazz seem unpleasant and world news seems local.

Bill has dreams and awakes to thankfulness that he is here. His father is a plain laboring man but a thinker. Bill has toiled many summers with pick and shovel at his side. Bill and two brothers have gone to college. They are worthy of their sire. Noblen book, I think, has never been written than President Eliot's tribute to the plain, natural life of his fishermen relatives wresting a living from the sea.

And My Dream. Strangely too

I had a dream last night of our motor boat in the harbor at Base Camp burning and Vergil's voice saying "Here ye shall abide".

### Observations and Observations.

When Bill seizes the Emergency Radio and hastens forth at eight o'clock, I wonder whether he is taking the weather observation or an observation at the "North Pole". He claims it's both.

Personals. Bill and Gustav went to Base Camp today for relaxation and to fix the motor for trips to Nakajunga. Next we shall be getting hay and extra slats for our horses.

Bill has been teaching Gustav the word clumsy and using me in illustration. I kicked a bamboo table leg into the radio wires and Gustav explained that that was iopok. I warn Bill that he may get as much from

the side lines that the main procession may sometime turn and guy him if he slips. But Gustav is turning even sooner. If ever Gustav bungled, Bill would laugh "Oh! Gustav".

Now when Gustav bungles, he anticipates Bill by yelling "Oh! Carlson".

Gustav and Bill, rather Bill with Gustav are practicing setting up excercise in the evening outdoors. It would make a movie comedy if we could film it. But Gustav will learn. Then it will be much long legs with short legs.

A true Picture. Captain Bob has given his portrait to Doctor Habs with the dedication: "'To the Man who doesn't care a Damn for any Man". That's the pity of it all and Doctor's weariness. If only he could see himself in the other man's place. However, the inscription is perfect of Captain Bob.

Guster at the Lake. Guster slipped out after <sup>fisherman</sup> lunch with the water pails.

I found him later playing with nature on the bank of the lake.

He had entertained some rabbits, <sup>ooo</sup> found a nest with "pickaninny" eggs, and now eagerly aided me to take water temperatures. His was the life, like Dickens' in the Secret Garden, just being the friend and intimate of nature. That is the real vacation for us of complex lives.

Nobile Near. Only a short distance from Spitzbergen, drifting evidently, but well — and waiting. Can his ship reach him, if not what dirigible is available? Here is a problem to quicken the pulse.

The Disko. The motorship Disko will leave Copenhagen June 21 but last night a cargo ship was reported as

having sailed on June 9 direct for Holstensborg and north. The radio urged Kallquist to catch it and spend some of his time at Godhavn. Did Doctor and his party catch the cargo steamer? Are there beans on board for them? It's a gain of two weeks in the summer plans. We may learn from Holstensborg, if it has a radio. However, we're here and they have but to find us.

Wednesday, June 13.

Mosquito Intensity. The mosquito intensity has increased today beyond the indifference of the most hardened, and profanity is resulting. Veils will come next.

A Severe Color Test. I have only five fresh color plates left and the Hvalrossen may not come in until July. So I have put the old plates to a fuller test and found them too good to discard. and the old developer has been

used for a third more plates than recommended. So my series of colored lantern slides is steadily increasing. Tonight I have added five: The Observatory and Lawn; White Flowering Evergreens; The Sitting Stone; a Rhododendron Slope; a Bed of Azaleas.

Nobile. At 86°N. Parties moving east and west. Food in plenty but poor boots and mittens. Radio operator growing weak. By the map they are far north of the open water. An aeroplane could drop them clothing but only a dirigible could lift them out. Will the Los Angeles come? This is the time for large effort.

The Creation Epic. We read the Creation Epic or Hymn tonight and the more humanistic story of the First Parents. Man should not have knowledge nor eternal life. So he was punished by toil and

suffering for obtaining the first and driven from the Garden lest he get the second. Thus begins the story of a jealous God as every nation has conceived him.

Gustav could not understand our idle reading, so he got out his own Bible and read while we did. Maysted is quite right. If only we could speak the Native language, what rich conversations we could have.

Still Another Ship - This one reaches Godthaab tomorrow and touches at Helsingborg on its way north. Clarence was invited by radio to catch it. His next chance comes in eight days. Will Doctor surprise us by an early arrival?

Thursday, June 14. A cloudless day.

Back-Tracing. Nerves got me yesterday, as I noticed how rapidly the rhododendron was fading. Far probably by this time the perfect

clump we had seen Saturday - Sunday near Day Camp had begun to lose its vividness, and more than half a week had passed. Time flies whether in a tiny task like this or in rescuing Nobile.

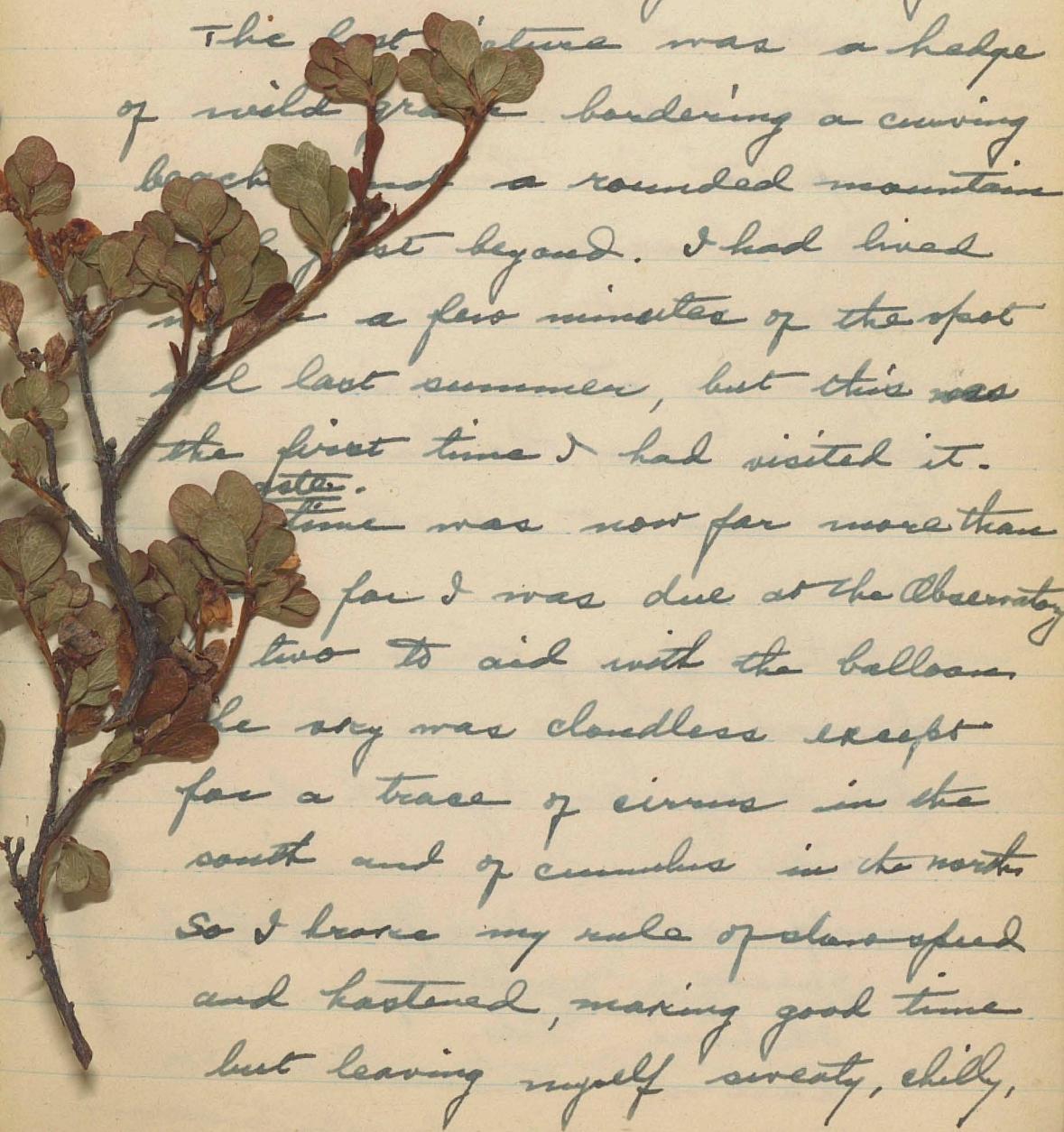
I found the clump fading but still holding out. Not so grand on second sight as I had thought it on first. But the brown wall of rock and the green willow slope rising gently up the pass reminded me strongly of our sagebrush uplands at home transferred to the North. This may be worthy of a color picture if the camera can embrace it all.

The next scene - a chance one - was perfect in time. A mat of blueberry blossoms, delicately red and thick, set off by sprays of scraggly willow. To the clump I transferred some leaves of blueberry that had already turned to

reddish bronze. Here I spoiled a plate - my first bower - by failing to set the camera lenses properly and then failing to cover the plate in resetting. I did not think my way out, and thus became even more rattled. I sympathize with the rattled bellplayer that thus throws his game away.

The last picture was a hedge of wild grape bordering a curving beach and a rounded mountain beyond. I had lived a few minutes of the spot all last summer, but this was the first time I had visited it.

Time was now far more than ~~later~~ for I was due at the Observatory two to aid with the balloons. The sky was cloudless except for a trace of cirrus in the south and of cumulus in the north. So I broke my rule of slow speed and hastened, making good time but leaving myself sweaty, chilly,



Board at Governor's Post Office evening of  
Evening of March 29 to May 18

Tips to girls {  
at House } 50 days  
20 <sup>10.7 which</sup> for Helena -

→ Kayars and Hoabrossen -

Tips at Hospital (alone since April 25.  
angus life & needs ad. 7.  
Igues 8 { Annese 10 + washing -  
little girl 3 -  
old lady 5 -

~~Sal~~

Compensation to Dorothy, the Nurse. ?

25kr

~~Lennart~~

Injured Tues. April 17

Returning to Camp May 18 - but not  
reconciled.

Ovaltine

~~Tags~~

~~Tillpau~~

~~Take in & open back~~

~~Breiley light?~~

3 meters cloth <sup>exply price</sup> Battle of  
Scandinavia - Snæfellsnes Throat Med.

Oatmeal  
Soup

Sausage = ?  
are like

Greenland mostly daily and made  
the isolated hamlets feel like one.

the basic words, "yesterday", "today", "tomorrow" change as do ours, but the words "day before yesterday", "day after tomorrow" resemble "yesterday" and "tomorrow" from which they are built just as also do ours.

Botanizing to-morrow. The boys have decided to do "pinakon" work tomorrow instead of fixing the motor. They too are getting nervous, or rather Bill is, for he is anxious to get a collection of Greenland flowers for his home-town highschool.

Still another Boat. Godhavn announces still another boat due to reach Narsarsuk tomorrow morning. This is "your third chance, Meester Kallquist"; "We expect and anticipate seeing you soon at Godhavn". Thus the thoughtful Mueller, whose drall mit has pulsed along and even across Greenland mostly daily and made the isolated hamlets feel like one,

Friday, June 15. Another Almost Cloudless Day

A Clear Sky. Yesterday's cloudless sky continues still today, and the Inland Ice seems sugar white as yesterday. But today my eye seems to have panned larger to get more of the vision. For the Western Ice shows like the narrows aura above the southwest mountain just a peep thru some tiny notch except at the Gate. But we must go down trail or to our western summit to see that.

Truths that are Half-Truths. Bill seems to have been fed up with points of view. Herod said: "What is truth?" In the vernacular: "There aint none". It's a relative matter. Paul said that four dog teams were sent in for me. I supposed that only one was sent especially for me. Clarence told him that two were sent for Paul and two for me.

\*No, from our hollow station we can see the western sea above the Gate passing over a saddle in our western ridge.

He's probably nearer right. But Paul went out with Bangsted and the entire train of four sleds came in as previously ordered so I took most of the baggage for the entire party and rode in state.

Color Truths. These seem definite not relative and have come out of the developing of my plates of yesterday. The defects of old color plates are not in losing vividness of color but in showing fog patches where the film has deteriorated. So the temperature of the developer was not the fault of that "Blue Danube" being dense. The plate was old. Not all <sup>old</sup> plates show the fogging equally. Like old people, some bear their age better than others. But now most of the plates are showing age marks, for their age is extreme. The color screens tend to have a qualitative rather than intensive

difference in effect. I used both  
on the Rhododendron. The thin  
<sup>screen</sup> plate or No. 20 seems to give the  
colors of flowers and leaves more  
naturally, while the thick screen  
or No. 21 makes the reds more  
vivid and the greens more pale.  
If blossoms have faded somewhat,  
their vividness could be restored by  
No. 21. This sounds like medicine  
and is really a color tonic. In  
consequence of this treatment the  
old plate is more lively and may  
be preferred.

Bataniizing for Geese. The boys  
went early today for flowers but  
returned early with geese. Bill  
did not know how I would approve  
of "Our Farm" and so came first  
with Gustav bringing up the rear  
with the goslings in his coat.  
They had batanized well but the  
pets had dwarfed the flowers.  
They had come upon six goslings

playing while their parents were on a lark. Gustav took three, leaving three for the parents. The goslings rather enjoyed the trip and ran peeping and picking thru the room. The boys had already named them Hobbs, Snyder, and Belknap, but in the young state of similarity planned to attack the names by ticket to keep the individuals distinct.

Gustav suggested raising them as Governor Bistup did to be eaten later. They would be "stor" in July. Bill thought that they might be ducks, for the parents seemed small. But Gustav said that they were "Duck-aks", not "Ducks" and that baby ducks were not good. The raising would be easy, for the goslings were not much fed by the parents but ate their own grass and nibbled dry-land grass and flowers as well. So



Gustav had brought a supply of their grass with them. Gustav suggested making a pen of a small box, but the rest of us overruled him in favor of a large nursery built against the sunny wall of the house.

"Our Farm". But our family could not settle down to normal. "Our farm says Bill, as he goes out to see if Gustav has fed and watered the geese. It seems as if a new baby had come into the family; they being renewed life. I am teaching Gustav to paraphrase his song now into "Yes Sir, they're my pickaninnies".

Outside I could hear the goslings: "Peep, peep" and the boys answering Bill: "What you talking about?" and Gustav: "What that you say?"

Thus pets and setters answer each other a double flight. Two long flights of balloons filled the afternoon. I must learn to follow and read angles so

Bill can compete as the angles are read  
This will save him much time and  
weariness. The first balloon went  
west and fell so rapidly that it  
must have been borne in a strong  
wind or been sinking from leaking.  
So a second balloon was sent  
up to check the first. After it rose  
clear from the ground currents, it  
followed the path of the other, thus  
showing that <sup>the first probably</sup> " was not leaking.  
at 3000 feet the wind was  
fifty miles an hour. I had  
expected turmoil from the way  
cirrus had developed out of the  
clear sky in the forenoon. Clarence  
had the same experience last summer.

But the demands of the balloons  
did not prevent even Bill from  
galloping between minutes to the  
nursery to see how the babies were  
far ing.

Dear to Nature. Or preferably down  
to nature, when I sit down with

92  
my evaporation pants and feel  
the restfulness and warmth of the  
tundra. Balloon flying is too  
intensive to give relaxation even  
in this land where your pace  
is your own.

Bad Language. I'm afraid Gustav  
has absorbed a bit, tho it doesn't  
sound so bad on his lips. However,  
Bill is trying to cure him. Gustav  
at theodolite: "What the Hell you  
talking about?" Bill: "Gustav, iopok".  
Gustav: "Nuloo-a" (I didn't know), tho  
frequently corrected. It sounds too clever  
to give it up. Evidently "I don't know  
what you're talking about" has been  
taught him as the English or, as he  
calls it, the American for "Nulooa".

A Native dish. Gustav calls it "flour"  
and wanted to make it for us for  
supper. It was flour and sugar almost  
of the fineness of cornstarch porridge.  
However, he made it "small" in  
case we should not like it, last

we called for more.

A Broken Family. Ours and the goslings. I reported only one gosling come to the net of the pen to see me. That apparently the others had settled down. But the boys must see and count their flock.

Doctor Hobbs had climbed out between the rocks and taken Schneider Snyder with him. It must have been "Hobbs", for he had not been content to stay in one place any length of time. Belknap had remained because he was so little and couldn't crawl up.

Gustav peered in at Belknap and then crowded deep into the nest. "Ama nami", he reported with a face so drawn and disconsolate that Bill rushed into the house bursting with laughter. But he immediately returned to hunt. Gustav had been on his way for water but his

were cached. "Imix, Gustav?" queried Bill. "Imix nami", he replied. He had no heart for it.

It was a family bereavement. I was busy but went out later to look at least after the other searchers. They were on the terrace below, and I saw a gosling struggling behind them. I thought that I had discovered one of the wanderers, but it was only Belnap's trying to keep up. He had been taken as a guide to the trail but preferred to follow. The three continued the search until late in the evening, Gustav's spirits rising at the oddity of the gosling waddling behind.

But Bill received his surprise when I firmly instructed him to bring Belnap into the house to sleep, for he would be lonely. Finally Gustav suggested that he be put to bed in the dynamo room where his early wailing would

not disturb our sleep.

Saturday, June 16. Off-Day.

Our Midnight Sun. Our sun sets no more. Last night it dipped its lower third behind the range, then rose again. The shadow from Nakajanga's nose grew long, then faded, while a soft haze or satin covered the tundra. The observatory remained a ruddy brown and the long rays of the sun sent their yellow light thru the open door and into the inner room. Bands of cirrus formed a grill above the sun. The lakes below gleamed like silver in dark velvet. A picture was attempted but the sun dazzled the landscape.

The sun crossed our meridian at 12:16 a.m. or sixteen minutes later than the time we are using. This may be expected if we are using Greenland local time, for this is based on the meridian time of Cope-

Farewell to our east. The temperature was 48.0° F. and humidity 63.0 per cent.

We were not the only creatures up to see the sun - Bill and I. A host of ipayak were at the door, and some birds were staying up all night or singing by shifts. So we are a week's sun above the Arctic Circle - a conclusion we reached last winter.

A Pants Problem. Bill gave me a pair of pants. I tried them on. Was Bill slim or I fat? I could not get them round me. Bill says "Neither". The pants were a mistake. They are as scant in front as an Eskimo woman's is behind. I could get one of their back apron-shawls and wear it in front. This might solve the problem.

Nature's Miniatures I was off again today seeking pictures - the "Willow Slope", the "Blueberry Cluster"

on the Wavy Camp trail - But in places apparently wide and barren I found exquisite miniatures: a solitary stem growing colorful and vigorous in a thumbful of soil on a rock; a pair of flowers that gave warmth to their patch of barren soil; some dainty Queen's Lace flowers beneath a bower of willow thru which the sun was filtering softly. It reminded me of Henry Van Alyke's settings in primeval setting close to great cities. I loitered to study all the details, which rivalled those of the larger views. Then I hastened on to take the "Hellside Trail" and "Split Rock" - old friends long neglected - as I returned up hill for the balloon flight.

An Off Day. Gustav had been using strong language and Bill had been using strong reproof.

The result was an off day for both. They have my regrets for I have at times been in the place of each. But all is well again — and they joined in Vespers with Belknap as an eager third. We shall have to furnish him with a toothbrush too.

Belknap at the Balloon. — Belknap came to the flight today and dozed by the side of a warm rock. Sometimes his head would fall completely over into the dust when he would promptly awak. Gustav says that Geese sleep only by dozes. One gosling closes his eye from below. He seems now to need us as much as we him. Bill needs a Sunday rest and plans to wander off in the morning in search of some brothers and sisters for him.

Sunday, June 17. — Flag Day.

The Flag life. Gustav remembered, and before he lighted the Primus

this morning, he ran up the flag. It has been an emblem of rest and worship all day there as it fluttered in the breeze. It seems to be a golden test of the day's losses and gains.

A Passing Day. Little Belknap had fallen fast asleep this morning in his box and was Nani. Bill heard him peeping in his box at midnight, convinced by the sunlight that it was time to get up. Perhaps he died from overexertion trying to get out because of loneliness. Gustav merely says "Nuloo" (I don't understand why). I am glad to have had the sunshine if only for one day. I have laid the little fellow to sleep beneath a struggling vine in the warm earth at the base of the rock where he played with us while ballooning.

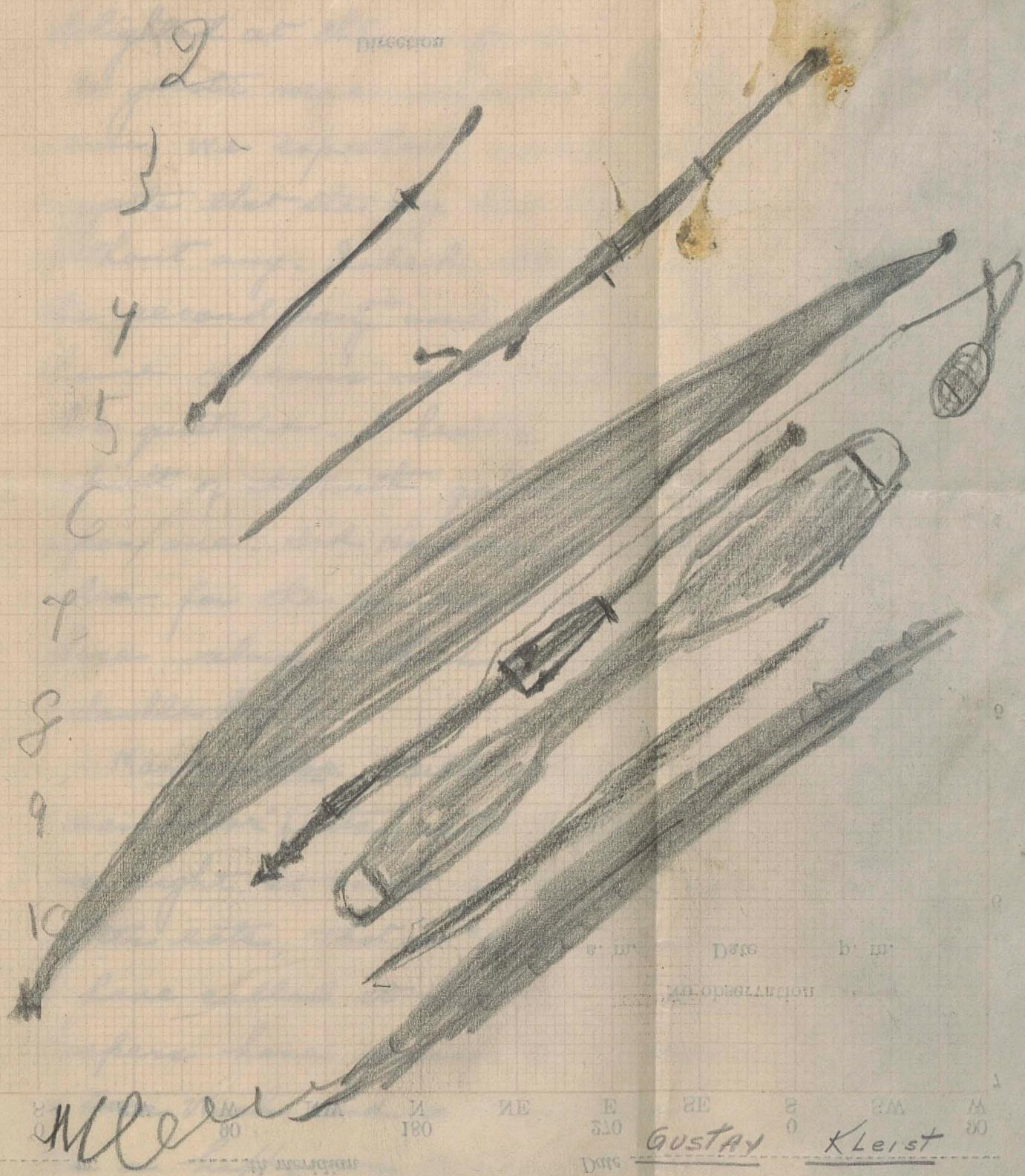
Bill's Best <sup>Day</sup> Saturday. Last night Bill said he liked my diary because it expressed the thoughts within him. Today he wandered down

the trail to rest and to read. He found nature in her richness as had I yesterday and returned declaring it his happiest day in Greenland.

Worshiping three Pictures. And I feel as if I had been treading cathedral aisles as I developed each picture of yesterday and, as did God at the Creation, "found it good." And as I sat and gazed at the "Queen of Flowers in their Willow Bower", "behold they were very good". But here I leave the Creation Hymn, for many more creations still lie before me and each day seems to disclose some gem.

Gustav at the Typewriter. Gustav whiled his morning with the Corona and typed the Saint Mass for the day with date and participants. I merely suggested the idea, the details were all his. Bill was

101'



ГЛАВНАЯ ДИСКЮЛОН НОВАЯ

М. М.

\* The freedom drawing is entirely his own

101

delighted at the surprise".

No guests were included in the menu. We expected none. Bill suggests that the day has been happier without any. Indeed, the coming of the second party and mail from home means a distraction in his quietude. I heartily agree. This spirit of the North grows strongly upon one. Did Homer get his idea for the Land of the Satyratus here along with his tale of a "double day"?

Mamakulitor. Bill called it "mamakox" (eats) until Gustav set us right. It must be cleaning up after eats, that is "washing your teeth". I have called it Vespers, but our Vespers have grown to include a Face Wash and a Daily Dose. It's a happy way of closing the day.

Monday, June 18. Surprise Day.

Sit up straight Week. Bill has begun to establish weekly moods. This week was to be Sit up straight week, next was to be a week for Establishing <sup>Better - W. J. L.</sup> ~~Mos~~ Jewish Homes. But he started yesterday with rest and contemplation and you must lie down or back to do these. So I still have back to drink my coffee. Besides outside influences are making the week more strenuous than even Bill planned and it will probably go down in Expedition History as "Get Out Juicer Week."

A Pair of Pinks. <sup>Not pajamas,</sup> But they took me down the trail and I brought them back in picture. Exquisite pink heads and delicate green bracts and a medley of dry grasses for companions. If I could take a picture like this each day, I should be —"

"wealthy" says Bill — but "happy" I was planning to say. To find beauty and tell others has unconsciously become my Queen desire.

\*

A Dry Season. No water at all

(a seal & day)

\* a whale or a Seal. While I was photographing the pinks, Gustav was counting the seals by the tiny pin-head spots of black in the water. But soon he excitedly called my attention to a monster that was sending up a spout of water and then slapping the sea with his tail as he porpoised along. The seal was perhaps a fourthway across the fiord. Probably far less, for the sound of the slapping came loudly to our ears. The seal was evidently having great sport and seemed to be saying: "Come on in fellow, the water is fine". It felt so to us too on the sunny rocks and I felt inclined to accept his

[over]

can be made a halfway point.  
We shall have to develop the canals

Monday, June 18. Surprise Day.

Sit up Straight Week. Bill has begun to establish weekly moods. This week was to be Sit up Straight week. ... \* be a week invitation. It was the first time I had been invited by a seal. I did not realize that they swim for pleasure. Their lives had always seemed to me to be a life of suspicion or watchful sleep on a sand bar or ice. But here I saw them in relaxation.

"... of any guarantee given,  
if I could take a picture like  
this each day; I should be —"

"wealthy" says Bill - but "happy"  
I was planning to say. To find beauty  
and tell others has unconsciously  
become my Queen desire.

\* A Dry Season. No water at all  
at Split Rock Meadow and  
only a cupful of water in Camp  
Lloyd Creek where last season  
we got a bucket. The pool  
under the cliff is a basin  
for gold fish where last summer  
Peter floated his kayak. And  
the stream in the Valley of the  
Lost Violet was more shallow  
this month than it was last  
year in August. Verily this  
season will make commodity  
packing difficult even if men  
are available. Dary Camp too  
seems high and dry. Only the  
lakes above the head of the Fiard  
will be available. Perhaps they  
can be made a halfway point.  
We shall have to develop the canals

capacity or carry water with our pack  
mosquito community. At belling Bill jeered me because my hat was  
loaded with mosquitoes attracted perhaps  
by the sweat within caused by the  
heated climb up the trail. However,  
they had not descended in quantity below  
the brim - I told Bill that he was  
too nervous for mosquitoes to take  
any comfort over him but that a few  
were good, as David Harum suggested  
in the case of fleas and a dog : "They  
keep him from boasting over the fact that  
he is a dog". Bill asked the application,  
but I merely said "Martha" again. However,  
he is fast getting into the "dog" class  
especially at the Evening Star.

After belling was over, I became  
clumsy and made Bill a  
mosquito net creation "fit for a queen",  
and he is queening it over Gustav and  
me immediately! This is my seasonal  
farewell to mosquitoes and I hope Bill's  
also. He should now be mosquito proof.

Ordered Home. Bill at the Godhavn radio, calls suddenly for pencil and paper. Gustav leaped to get it. I thought it news, and went about my sewing. But this was the conversation over the air: "Church, Hobbs Expedition. A very important message for Church. I will repeat it three or four times. It is very important."

"Doctor Church, Hobbs Expedition. Leave not granted. Be prepared to leave an six hours notice. Boat coming for you late in June. This is final orders from Hobbs."

Kallquist?

Mr Kallquist leaves on Gustav Hahn for Copenhagen tomorrow noon."

I don't like home news. It is sometimes unpleasant. This has left just a heaviness of feeling; that's all. For I wanted more pictures and some very old friends among them yet so beautiful have been the pictures already taken that I

can leave in Thasatosciss mood with "pleasant dreams". Like Venice left unseen by Florence and me I shall have the more to bring me back.

And evidently I am to go north on the Dicso to see a land I feared I should miss. To think that I am the only man in this Expedition, aside from Eklanson, who has got that Dicso trip. So this forced departure, like the illness at Halstensborg, may be the door to greater ventures.

*Gustav Gram.*  
Readjustments. Bill immediately offered to remain alone and let me take Gustav out with me. But the little fellow immediately chose to remain until the Hvalrossen returned again with Doctor Habbs. I could feel him grow to his new responsibility. To have taken him out would be to humble him.

In the evening he set about reading the watch the "American way", 1:30 (one thirty), 2:48 (two forty-eight) and learned it too. Only he prefers to say "one minutes thirty" to be explicit.

Mobile - Farewell. - No news. Amundsen leaves in a French plane to search for him. Australian also has gone in search, but as well goes on a bicycle to rescue a train wreck. It is sightseeing not rescuing unless more transport is behind them.

The Billie Hawk. I shall miss it with Bill. He holds me to the reading, but somehow I want to be held. It mellows our day.

Tuesday, June 19.

One Restless Night. And my only one. Just thoughts and planning. I shall sleep tonight. Pity too, for yesterday we filled in the holes between the boards of our

bunks and abolished the grills upon which the boys have slept for a year. It takes three weeks to get hardened, then like Bryan you don't feel it any more. But it felt so good just to lie flat even if hard.

Water Flowers. Florence's Lake is becoming filled with them. I went down early while the waters were still calm to take them. Delightful is one, the other exquisite in staleness of blossoms and reflection in pool, but spoiled because I forgot to refocus the camera. Double trains of thought are tangling each other — just never, I must concentrate. I shall try to take that picture again.

The Midnight Sun still sets. But only the least under edge of the disk. To night perhaps it will swing completely clear of the mountain range. That will be only one day before the solstice. So we are

after all very close to the Circle,  
but our time is still sixteen  
minutes fast.

One Leg. Not on "only one leg"  
but on one leg only. Two days  
ago Bill razed Gustav severely because  
he could stick one leg out forward  
and sink and rise on the others.  
Today while baking biscuits he gave  
us a surprise by performing the  
stunt - He had been practising on the  
quiet. Now he declared: "Day before  
yesterday name. Today mangia".  
He asked Bill on the quiet whether  
he was still angry with him  
after the quarrel of Saturday and  
that he would be glad to stay with  
him if he received no letter to  
come home - I hope that he will  
not receive my surprise of yesterday.

Will Doctor Come? Clarence's sudden  
departure from Helsingborg makes  
me wonder whether Doctor after  
all is coming up. Perhaps he merely

1928 ~~May~~ MAY 1928

SUN MON TUES WED THUR FRI SAT



DRINK  
OXO  
BE STRONG

66

3

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

THEY  
—  
SATISFY

CAKE  
SALE  
22nd  
HOME  
MADE

have continue to cross off the days  
in mine until I depart.

defeated Norway in International  
Association Soccer football. I hope  
you are enjoyed Doctor Church.

1928 APRIL 1928

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			FAIR AND	PIE SALE	SCRUB DAY	
		FULL MOON	WARNER	24TH		

star  
seen  
that  
to  
is  
and  
about  
will  
but  
is a  
will  
disa

Paul  
advertis  
depos  
its

Bee  
P

So G  
as  
orig

have continued to cross off the days  
in mine until I depart.

have  
time,  
in  
Now  
remained  
attempt  
like  
might  
be  
is needed  
bread  
me  
. Hence  
- after  
soccer.  
expected  
ing  
have

defeated Norway in International  
Association Soccer Football. I hope  
you are enjoyed Doctor Church."

1928 ~~FB~~ June ~~FB~~ 1928

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
HOBBS ARRIVED 27th.	AKUTER DEPARTS 4	YES C PERHAPS	TO BEHAR	Funder- STORMS		2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

original to my diary. I still now  
have continue to cross off the days  
in mine until I depart.

to listen in anyway. Norway  
defeated Norway in International  
association Soccer football. I hope  
you are enjoyed Doctor Church.

stampeded as every homegoer seems to do. But Bill believed that I would not be permitted to stay. Now he thinks that Ralph is coming for the summer work and to close things up. Then what about the Stinson plane? Doctor will not stay away if that comes. but his silence about transport is depressing. I hope that this will not be a summer of air disaster.

Transferring Calendars. - I wanted Paul's June calendar with its advertised departures and arrivals and its almanack features: <sup>yes</sup> Perhaps,

Try Beecham's and Funder Pills  $\rightarrow$  Stone.

So Gustav has made a copy just as good and I am adding the original to my Diary. I shall have him continue to cross off the days in mine until I depart.

stan  
seas  
that  
to  
is  
and  
about  
will  
but  
is a  
will  
disa

T.

Paul  
advertising  
^ dep  
its

Be

So  
as  
only

have continue to cross off the days  
in mine until I depart.

Rescuers Closing In. Aeroplanes have found Kohl's balloon but not the men, and the men have radioed in that they saw the aeroplanes. Now if the two can meet. Knud Rasmussen is joining the rescue. Will he attempt to advance by dog teams while aeroplanes drop supplies? It might be possible to hover over the survivors dropping supplies as needed while the latter gradually walked out. But the summer is here and the ice may be open. Hence the need of transport at the outer end.

Denmark Defeats Norway at Soccer.  
My "Come home" orders were repeated again to night with the following news:

"You may be interested. You have to listen in anyway. Denmark defeated Norway in International association Soccer Football. I hope you are enjoying Doctor Church."

Bill was at the phone, and was bubbling with merriment at the news. I thought at first that my "Come Home" orders had been a mistake, but it was Muller and the game. I shall tell him when I go north that we had an enthusiastic athlete on the line, but I enjoyed the news second hand.

Baths. Had in back going wash my need. Gustav uses "my" now instead of "your". I continued: "And were going to wash more than that. Have to take a bath before the lane gives out".

Bill felt dubious about Gustav, who was timid about baths. But he was merely timid about people. So he and I make a little bathroom by means of a curtain and by the sound and smell of hot soap, he bathed far more thoroughly than I. Bill is

still a tender voice or snails but  
 the bath may give some relief.

A False Alarm Sunset. Only the  
 sun behind a bank of cloud at  
 eleven, but the lakes glistened like  
 silver and the landscape seemed  
 golden. Was it <sup>amber</sup> my goggles. However,  
~~I was too hurried to pause in~~  
 the presence of the reappearing sun  
 and took dazzling for power. Consequently,  
 my cloud has merely a silver edge  
 and detail has gone from nature.

Wednesday, June 20. A Cloudy October Day.

Cool Weather. Nearly July and  
 still cool weather is delightful.  
 just the sun and calm to back  
 on the hillsides - only the mosquitoes  
 have started to back there too.  
 a sweater thrown over the shoulders  
 is quite sufficient in the wind  
 and only rarely is a tiny fire started  
 evenings in the houses. Today the  
 sky has been covered by low clouds  
 from the southwest and thin streamers

have appeared in all directions around us.

Cooking in Gloves. All our boys do it. It's an easy way to handle hot dishes. My canvas gloves have been detailed to this service throughout the year. Gustav also likes to cook with gloves. It is interesting but natural for them to be sensitive to heat and not to cold, for they have little of the former and much of the latter. A pot that is merely warm to us is hot to them, but they work in low temperatures with bare hands where our hands would freeze.

Greenlanders not Eskimos. The natives are also sensitive regarding names. They are Greenlanders and not Eskimos as we are Americans and not English, for they feel themselves much above the remainder of the race. The other day Gustav protested when the name Eskimo

was used of him. It is at least a man of progress.

Chumick's Miracle. - This takes rank with Bangsteds' Miracle on the Island Ice. This morning I took a picture of Bill and Gustav standing before the Observatory with a balloon. As I signalled that the picture was done, I realized that I had not thrown up the camera mirror and so had taken no picture. At the same moment there was a sharp sound of escaping gas. Bill had deflated the balloon even as I called. Had the balloon still been inflated, I would have made a second exposure and on the same plate. But it costs \$1.<sup>15</sup> to inflate a balloon and sixty cents for a plate. So I took the chance of developing the plate - just to make sure - before refilling the balloon. However, I knew that the plate would be a blank.

When brought forth from the dark room, there was the image on the plate of the scene viewed in the camera. Is this professed absentmindedness or have I grown so automatic that I do not know what I do? At any rate <sup>Slow</sup> ~~Agfa~~ <sup>Agfa</sup> Automatic Church and Hasty Bill did perfect interference today and saved both an extra plate and balloon. Sadly, however, the exposure was slightly underexposed and opaque.

A High Developer Record. The Agfa people may not care for this, for it smacks of quantity rather than quality, <sup>and of speed!</sup> Perhaps. But I have made one box of old developer that wintered there and showed slight crystallization come for the development of sixteen plates or twice the number guaranteed. Besides the plates were old, being guaranteed only to August 1927. I am very happy to have salvaged so many pictures from

what seemed worthless material.  
Such excellence deserves highest praise.

Washing. - a tribute to Lux. It does not injure the most delicate fabrics perhaps - nine chance to be overalls, underwear of heaviest fiber and an Icelandic sweater - but it certainly does all the scrubbing. I merely run them out and hang them to dry. It obliterates washday almost entirely.

Arctic Voices. - This evening Bill has been reading to me from Doctor Hayes' The Open Polar Sea, his chapter on The Arctic Night. I find music in the Arctic, he finds voices, but they are the messengers of terror, and the silence of the sequestered valley he finds possibly more terrible still. He must have let the unknown obsess him in those early days, as the mariners in Columbus' day, who placed with

creatures just beyond their ken.

My successor. Bill has been taking over today the work of evaporation and snow surveying - and is enthusiastic over its possibilities. He wants also to establish snow surveying in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, his mountain and ski haunt. To have so long a record here in Greenland is fortunate indeed and to Bill should go major credit for generous cooperation. I shall feel as if I myself were remaining another winter.

"Herbert Hoover Nominated for President

Now I shall be the more contented to go home. Hoover should have been nominated eight years ago, but the country is plainly progressing. Or do the politicians fear Al Smith and a heavy pro-liquor vote? Hoover was nominated by a large majority, he will be overwhelmingly

elected.

(Uvdloftunek)

Thursday, June 21. { "Midsummer's Day"  
"Ljungsta Dag"

The Mid-light-year - a holiday in all the Scandinavian countries and in England to whom the light means so much. As Christmas was the festival of the beginning of the new light-year, so this is the festival of its longest day. Bill has shared in the celebration in his Michigan home - carried as a tradition overseas - and Gustav suggested raising the flag. Some are keeping the day, long in more than one respect, says Bill, who feels homesick today.

Humbled. Every <sup>color</sup> plate a good picture was my record. Then the "Come Home" call rattled me and I failed to focus my Water Plants properly. Then I made a high record of fourteen developments from one bottle of developer but failed to notice that my plates must in consequence be exposed

correspondingly longer. Then came "Church's Miracle" and hasty development with superseded developer instead of fresh as planned. Result: opaque pictures and determination to increase the exposure. Then today increased exposure and fresh developer worked havoc in making all pictures far too thin. Now I must learn all over again, but I have lost four plates in my troubles. However, I have relearned something that I knew long ago and forgot viz. that fresh developer intensifies pictures and stale developer tones them down. But I have learned a new thing too, viz. that the colors with stale developer are far deeper and richer. So now I must be guided by my developer as well as by the intensity of the light, but I should like to work in

rich, mellow colors if I can do so safely.

Mid-Summer Nights Plans. Plans are worth while even if you can't carry them out. To paraphrase, "It is better to have planned and slept than never to have planned at all". Bill was going to send up a balloon at midnight tonight. I was going to take a picture of the Observatory with the midnight sun streaming thru the open door. But for once in weeks, the sky is overcast. The balloon would soon enter the clouds and as far as the picture, there would be no sunlight to stream. It will be light of course but color effects will probably be lacking. So why not sleep? Tomorrow night will be practically as satisfactory as this save in date. So why not call the sport off because of clouds?

The Dino. The radio game

official notice that the Niels  
sailed from Copenhagen today, three  
weeks late. In twelve days she  
should reach Holsteborg. So  
I must move my traps downhill  
to meet the Hvalrossen that will  
be here within a week. So farewell  
for sudden departure.

Friday, June 22. The Day After.

The Day after last night. Or is this  
merely the continuation of yesterday  
with twilight between? We plan  
and unplan but in Greenland  
Governors and Weather reign. Today  
we're resting up.

A Radio Concert in Daylight. So  
certain were we that there would  
be no balloon flight on account of  
cloudiness that Bill and Gustav  
gave themselves up to a radio  
concert by WCY. The reception  
was so clear that I could hear  
portions of the music as it came flooded  
from the ear pieces. This seems  
the more remarkable in face of

the fact that it was daylight from  
the United States border northward. But  
that Governor Bishop can get no  
results with his long wave radio.  
He is on the edge of the sea with  
no barrier of mountains whatever.

"Balloons ap". By eleven the sky  
had cleared almost completely from  
the Island ice to our zenith. So when  
weary Gustav came with the enquiry  
"Balloons nami?", I told him "ap" but  
to lie down and I would wake him  
when Bill was ready. On the eve  
of twelve, they two appeared with  
a black balloon carefully sharded.  
But it required four balloons before  
we were done, for one balloon  
burst in filling, the second sprung  
a leak, the third, <sup>a white one,</sup> seemed to  
be leary for it seemed to be  
descending as it sailed away.  
Thus ended <sup>all but one of</sup> the stock of black balloons  
- weakened after a year by the  
coloring matter in the rubber.

The the last black was sent in pursuit  
of the suspected white but immediately  
began to act the same way. So we  
knew that a thousand feet  
above our head and continuing  
to at least 10,000 feet the wind  
was blowing from ten to thirtyfive  
miles per hour tho there was  
scarcely a flutter of air where we  
stood. However, high above our heads  
the sky was mottled with cirrus  
plumes, the children of turbulent  
currents of air. Its duty done,  
the pursuer suddenly burst and  
descended in tatters, as dramatically  
pantomimed by Gustav whose eye  
was witness at the eyepiece.  
Not a bad flight for midnight —  
16 minutes for the first balloon and  
11 minutes for the second, they were  
followed farther than were our  
candle-lighted balloons sent up  
in the Arctic night.

The Midnight Sun. The sun  
swung just above the horizon  
at midnight but dipped slightly  
below the rim of the mountains  
just beyond. There were no sunset  
colors except a rose flush in the  
far south. But the horizontal rays  
of the sun burnished our mountain  
tops to ruddy bronze. The Observatory,  
brown in its own coloring, stood  
out luminous as if spotlighted.  
and light streamed into the open  
door. With the utmost care, I  
tested the light and strove for a  
balanced picture, but I was not  
prepared for my greatest success.  
It almost unnervered me as I  
developed the others. For the picture  
I got was luminous and colorful  
as an oilpainting could be. Even  
the tundra in the doorway  
was vivid and even the debris  
looked like flowers. Two of this  
quality I took, then a third one for

Pack, containing the radio mast and the Expedition Flag designed by his father. This picture was duller but richer than the others, and one more credible, for the twilight was dim not sunny. This effect was unconsciously wrought by exposing it only 24 seconds instead of 30, as in the case of the others, in an attempt to be more accurate. Or perhaps the sun had actually become dimmer behind the mountains.

Picture Average Impressing. - My picture average, to speak in terms of batting average, is returning. I hoped for a sunrise view last night over the Island Ice and went to bed in my clothes to rise occasionally sto be ready for its unfolding. But it was forenoon before my opportunity came. Then clouds darkened the ranges but left the ice and tundra-clad foreground bathed in sunlight. An abnormally short exposure

of 3 seconds, drawn out of the hard experience of yesterday, gave depth and detail and color. It is an austere picture but a softened one, and nearly as attractive as the same scene taken last winter under a delicate covering of snow and with a flush of rose upon the Island Ice.

Brown sugar. - The boys have been talking of brown sugar to be used as a substitute when the white sugar gave out. Today we had some. I wonder if Paul-Vermont dweller at times - also called it brown. It is maple sugar for a Sunday treat on pancakes. How has the mighty fallen! Too highpriced for ordinary consumption it is in danger of being forgotten by the present generation.

An Scissors Artist. Gustav occasionally makes very "catchy"

128

paper silhouettes with his scissors.  
It reminds me of kindergarten  
out of the cleverer so  
Today I saw the  
fastening in b  
when I pra  
sensitive a  
& turn his  
consent. &  
likes appreac  
My Critic.  
they are helpf  
talkativeness a  
I sat great star  
and Foster ran  
O illa! illa! wh  
midnight pictures  
sentence of praise  
even fuller of express  
my own tongue could  
Bill sold his right to a  
in one of them for the right  
was the entire collection for one  
supreme night at home to show

his home follo the beauty in which  
" had lived in the North.

"Clock Carlson". Just an  
one Bill of eternally  
— — — singapak?  
?) and finally  
singapak Christ."  
to Bill, for  
" is far after  
of his starting  
a his running  
ies tendency to  
o. 9  
t. 7 get up in bed to the  
bullet was probably  
ing very life. It was  
to hear that I never  
call him "Bullet Clarence"  
perpetuating the memory  
striking example of the  
of training could not be  
red, for both are ancestral Swedes.  
The Sisko Taries. "The Hobbs Expedition  
is on the Sisko but she stops at  
Gotthaaib to put off an English Expedition"

paper silhouettes with his scissors.  
It reminds me of kindergarten  
art of the cleverer sort back home.  
Today I saw the mark that I am  
fastening in below. He demurs  
when I praise him, for he is  
sensitive against praise. But  
I turn his reluctance into forced  
consent. Like the rest of us, he  
likes appreciations.

My Critics. Art critics, I mean, tho'  
they are helpful in my leisurely  
talkativeness and putting over details,  
I set great store by the Native eye,  
and Lester rose to his height of  
O illa! illa! when he saw the  
midnight pictures and uttered a  
sentence of praise that seemed  
even fuller of expression than  
my own tongue could be. And  
Bill sold his right to ownership  
in one of them for the right to  
use the entire collection for one  
supreme night at home to show

his home feels the beauty in which he had lived in the North.

"What O'Clock Carlson". Just an attempt to cure Bill of eternally asking Gustav: — — — singapah? (What o'clock is it?) and finally dabbing him" — — — singapah Gust." It will never stick to Bill, for "Beat the Gun Bill" is far after and expression of his starting a trouncing from his running under Hugely Goat.

days. So Clarence's tendency to leap from sleep in bed to the like a bullet was probably a part of his long noisy life. It was painful to hear that I never tried to call him "Bullet Clarence" for fear of perpetuating the memory. No striking example of the power of training could not be cited, for both are ancestral Swedes.

The Disko Taries. The Hobbs Expedition is on the Disko but she stops at Gotthaaab to put off an English expedition

Does not one remember  
such a name as 'Gustav'?

Altinde in kilometer by  
no 200 300

paper silhouettes with his scissors.  
It reminds me of kindergarten  
art of the cleverer sort back home.  
Today I saw the mask that I am  
fastening in below. He deserves  
when I praise him, for he is  
sensitive against praise. But  
I turn his reluctance into forced  
consent. Like the rest of us, he  
likes appreciation.

My Critics. Art critics, I mean. They are helpful in my leisure  
talkativeness and putting on  
I set great store by the critics  
and Lester rose to his  
O illa! illa! when he . . .  
midnight pictures and in the  
absence of praise that is  
even fuller of expression than  
my own tongue could be. An  
Elliott sold his right to ownership  
in one of them for the right to  
use the entire collection for one  
supreme night at home to show

his house feels the beauty in which he had lived in the North.

"What O'Clock Carlson". Just an attempt to cure Bill of eternally asking Gustav: — — — singapah? (What o'clock is it?) and finally dubbing him "— — — singapah Gust." It will never stick to Bill, for "Beat the Gun Bill" is far after and expression of his starting — a training from his running days, <sup>under Huflyff Yost.</sup> So Clarence's tendency to leap from sleep in bed to the floor like a bullet was probably due to his long navy life. It was so painful to hear that I never wanted to call him "Bullet Clarence" for fear of perpetuating the memory, a more striking example of the power of training could not be desired, for both are ancestral Swedes.

The Disko Taries. "The Hobbs Expedition is on the Disko but she stops at Gotthaab to put off an English expedition

But Bill does not have many friends or friends I know.  
They contribute and bear sacrifice, and sacrifice, and sacrifice. A further example of training? Or is the Sundejors movement like the Scottie?

So the Hoabrossen may not come quite so soon for me.

The Changing Seasons of Color. We have had the hillsides of purple and white evergreen. Soon we shall have the bluebells. Then will come the white fields of waving flags and the scarlet masses of fireweed. Finally, the rugs of blueberries and black cranberries, as thick and jet-like as beads, and on the slopes the scarlet birch and golden willow as the frost of early autumn returns, and ~~and browned leafs as winter sets in.~~

I had hoped for a color record of all these. Perhaps I may yet get the bluebells but beyond that I must be satisfied with the moss still vivid along the coast.

Saturday, June 23.

Packing Down Hill. Ten days or more yet before the Disko car arrive but the Hoabrossen may come early. So all "back's" packed my baggage to the Radio Hut at

Camp Lloyd for embarkation at a moment's notice. Gustav could go or remain and have biscuits. He chose to go because he thought that our packs were too heavy for only two.

Returning the "Dixie Bottles". Gustav's pack was a box of empty bottles. The drinkers may think that the joke is on us - to carry back to Helsingborg the bottles which they emptied. I shall look rather well - with a bushel basket of empties. To look at the collection gives me the same feeling as Doctor had when he found his crackers eaten at luncheon and empty bottles in their place.

Bill and Bamboos. I am taking home a tiny bamboo with a silk rag on its tip. It is my weather flag used last summer on the Inland Ice. Bill doesn't mind my sentiment about the bit of silk (it took

no space) but he is grateful that his sentiment does not extend to bamboo. He'd rather be a young materialist than an old sentimental if he must choose between the two. But somehow the silk streamer without its staff seems unreal. The two were one to me - the tiny rod of bamboo standing by my bed on the hummocks of ice and the filmy silk at its tip that floated on the lightest air. They were my inseparable companions in sea and in storm. They will help me live again that tip.

Fast Walking. Bill walks fast because it makes him happy. For the same reason I walk slow. Bill turns his face to the air, I turn mine to the ground. It's a case of a Mercedes speedster and a Ford truck. Possibly I am more economical of sweat and of strength, at least, & like to contemplate.

But Bill would make a good First Lieutenant to Doctor in his evening stalls

than Copenhagen they could cover vast distances if they could flane the traffic in those narrow streets. And he will surely prove a prize as a passer here, for in close time he could readily make three trips a day and cook the meals, or two trips and one balloon flight. Only he will tire.

Food Inventory. Three months before the annual supplies can arrive. Oatmeal, sugar, butter, milk, baking powder, vegetables practically gone. Bacon, soup, beans, dried fruits, <sup>chipped beef, eggs,</sup> a few cans of ptarmigan and fish, melted milk, cocoa, and a little coffee on hand. Only the bacon and beans <sup>and cocoa</sup> can outlast this period and the others must be carefully alternated to avoid monotony. The lard could be used as a substitute for butter if there were bread to spread it on. The food would last longer if Gustav and I both went out — in fact it would last too long, for the solitary man is in danger of not eating at all.

Perhaps the Norwegians will bring in the special foods brought from Denmark by Bill or the Germans will provide our probable need. Bread rather than more "bottles of ink" would this time be preferred. No glass to be returned.

Weather and Balloons.

Strato-cumulus clouds for three days now with rain streamers. The wind has been fresh. The air seems chill. Probably rain along the Coast.

Twenty three balloons to last thru. a close fit. Yet one was sent up today tho the height followed could not be above the clouds. It was worth while, for it showed all the lower air moving in toward the ice as were the lower clouds. On the other hand, <sup>it showed that</sup> the upper clouds were moving out. However, the total height was not more than 8,000 feet. From our window, the lower or Strato-cumulus clouds stop abruptly at the edge of the Island ice.

The higher, or alto-stratus reach farther in and are probably the product of the ice and higher inflowing air, but are stagnant over the ice or drifting out on the down-slope wind. If only we could have followed the balloon above the clouds to get its height.

However, the air movement seems to be a duplicate of what we witnessed in winter from the ice itself. Tonight, as for the three days, the cloud belt remains stagnant over the ice tho the sky is clear at its edge. And here overhead it is now beginning to shower lightly. Convection currents have been strong all over the land or clouds have been coming in from the sea. Probably the latter, for the barometer has been gradually falling.

Later: As I write, the shower has become heavy enough to cause runoff at the edges of the Observatory.

Seven on the Nine. It never

rains but it pours, but it is a good pour, for Doctor is bringing an aeroplane expert to look for a flying field near Mt Evans". This should afford adequate protection against mistakes. Bangstad is also in the party. Is it to take my place, to go onto the ice, to aid in the flying? Surely not merely to discuss the winter observations. At any rate, Doctor seems to have raised the necessary funds again. So Bill's desire to spend the winter here will be gratified. I should like to stay in the game, but have been called out. So I shall miss the last quarter.

A Deep One. The Michigan North Pole - a noble undertaking. Bill has interspersed his note of welcome to the new boys with a —, and a footnote saying that he had been called to the

North Pole.

Tomorrow is Sunday. over the Godham Radio; "No news items of interest for you today, Doctor Church. Please stand by me on Monday. Please stand by me on Monday. No radio tomorrow because tomorrow is Sunday. On Sunday we keep Sunday. So long, Doctor Church, so long."

Gustav Botanizes. This sounds dangerously like "David goes to Greenland" and it is like it in novelty and enthusiasm. Bill likes children but can not concentrate on his work when Gustav leans over his shoulder or even sits quietly opposite him, as he loves to do. So Bill has been much worried and has wanted to send Gustav out with me. But he needs companionship and the protection given by two. So I suggested setting Gustav to botanize while Bill worked. The plan evidently took "big," for this evening

after the rain Gustav drew on a pair of heavy leather shoes over his kamiks and disappeared. When he returned, he had a bundle of newspapers filled with plants and colored birch-all glistening with raindrops. The plants were dainty and their roots had been carefully dug. Now he is learning to press them. Our only hope is that he will not exhaust the field before Bill exhausts his figures. I have warned Bill to use his head and invent other avocations if this happens, but Bill says that he hasn't any - he means head.

Solomon's Song. We finished reading this love song at tonight's Bible Reading. Pity that so spontaneous and natural a song should have been interpreted as an allegory. Then we read from Matthew Christ's parables on the Kingdom of Heaven - allegories confessed and in deed. I shall mind this evening better.

Sat. October 28, 1928.  
(Beans for Supper)

Dear Dr. Church:-

All going well and the goose Hobbsigh.  
The newsman arrived today and I like him  
very much. He seems to be a fine lad.

I shall look for Nathaniel anytime  
before the "Nicks" arrives in Stockholm.

Am sending out my heavy stuff and I  
hope that you will see that the box of records  
is put in a dry place.

Take care of your arm and ribs. Don't you  
do any unnecessary work until you are healed  
entirely.

The mail I received was very very good.

Sara, the dear sweet girl, has sent me the  
most precious letters and I would like to  
read you some of them.

Had no news from Prof. Hobbs and I had  
understand that Bangsted or Oceanyan had  
any either. Is the man totally crazy?

I have much to tell you but it will have  
to wait.

From your son  
Clarence.

(I hope I am your son. You have so many  
daughters in your adopted family and I would  
like to be one of your adopted sons.

Gustav Kleist shall stay until "Walrus"  
comes in with Hobbs.

From Vol. 9 p 40-41

Dr. J. E. Church Jr  
Nijan

From Vol. 9 p 40-41

Mr. J. E. Church Jr  
Nujan

Rev.  
J. E. Church Jr.