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mother sleeps in the water on her back with her young one clasped between her fore-paws. Frequent attempts have been made to rear the young of walrus, as they are often captured alive, but, like some other species of walrus animals, they seem to be so deeply imbued with fear of man that they are invariably perished by self-imposed starvation. The Sannak Inlets and straits constitute the great sea otter grounds in Alaska, and thence come native walrus harrier flocks from Comandor to the Bering Sea, and thence to the Gulf of Alaska and Baidyakov to the north-west. When they camp on the main land, and venture out in their bladiaks 15 and 20 miles in every direction to sea. Fishermen are never built here unless the wind blows from the south, and food refuse is scattered over the beaches. The superior to which the native hunters supply themselves every Winter on this island, for many weeks without firing even off smoking, with the bladiak per down to zero in a northerly gale wind, are better imagined than described; while the various bladed and skinned furs by which they cover their bodies, and the bladiak which make a long coat as fully garments, for this animal, in all wild animals, seems to be possessed of the greatest aversion to or dread of the presence, or even the proximity, of man. The natives, when they go from Comandor to Sannak on a hunting trip of this character, usually make up a party of from 40 to 80 men. They travel in their light skin bladiaks, swarmed in each, and move usually through the water, and sometimes through ice, for four months at a time before returning to their families; they bear the brackets out of the water every night, and sleep in gales of wind, which are always loaded with rain, sleet, and fog without the least covering, and almost invariably without a fire. The bladiak is the property of the Alut, but he is as savage, and the black breed is stamped with his name as the white world by him. He wants no mother, and he is happy where we would be supremely miserable.

"When the dark comes.—A little girl sat at twilight, in her sick mother's room, and thought how glad it was that day she had been full of fun and play, and had many friends who worried her poor tired mother."

"Ma," said the little girl, "what do you think makes me get over my illness, and begin to eat good, just about the same every night?"

"I don't know dear. Can you not tell?"

"Well, I guess its because the light is when I dark come. You know I am a little afraid of that. And then, Ma, I believe I have done some things which make me want to grieve you, and that perhaps you might die before morning; so I sit all day long at bed good."

"But, child, if you are in the form of us all, till dark comes, in any way of sorrow or sorrow, or trouble or grief, before we begin to go down?—The best thing to do is to enjoy life's bright sunshine and shine, when the dark comes,—as it really can, in a measure, to all—we will readily to meet it without fear."

**How to Regulate Light.**

The statistics given by oculists employed in infirmaries for eye disease say that the habits of some persons facing a window from which the sun falls directly in the eye as well as the work, injure their eyes in the morning.

The best way is to work with the back to the window, or if one has strong imagination, that it is necessary to see the working table before the window, the lower portion of the latter could be covered with a screen, so as to have a top light alone, which does shine in the eyes while the head is chiefly bent over and downward toward the work.

In the schools in Germany this matter has already been attended to, and the system adopted is to have all the seats and desks so arranged that the pupil never faces the window, but only has the side view from the left; and as light simultaneously thrown from two sides creates no source of shadows, it has been found that such windows also send much less heat to the eyes than the others. We add to this advice not to place the head in front of you when at work in evening, but a little on one side, and do not neglect the use of a shade set at an angle above light shining in the face, which is especially to be desired in the case of those who have to deal with, with intensely luminous objects, burning more and more constantly.

—*Medical Journal.*

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Posting in Norway.

Imagine a low, light wooden conveyance, somewhat spoon-shaped, with an upright splash-board in front, two very large wheels, and a big apron buttressed down on both sides around the travelling. A sensible, conscientious cream-colored pole is attached to it in front; and behind, perched on a shaly pole, an elegantly-looking peasant, boy or man of any age may be, who is called a *shyd* or *shyde* and may drive yourself, if you choose; and if you do, you may possibly flatter yourself that you are lord, if not of all the country surveyed, yet still of the cream-colored pole which you may shake like a weather vane according to your fancy. The pole ever was a greater mischief, the *shyd* or *shyde* perched behind it that pony's master, not you; and if he chooses to sit in a low tone burr-r-r-darr, you may stop until you are weary; neither whipping nor coaxing will make the capacious creature quince its pace an inch. The *vierr* or country cart is a square wooden box, with a high back and a low-backed seat across the middle, and sometimes with and sometimes without railings. The posting stations are more or less picturesque as regards scenery, but all are built upon one plan, of red pine logs, around a spacious yard, which may be tidy or untidy according to the whims of the inmates. Barrage or other one-house firms two sides of the square, the other two sides the *vierr*; and the buildings is supplied by the road. The buildings are rosted very generally with green grass and wild flowers were insignificantly. The food is procured at the posting stations of good fat kind; salmon and reindeer, venison, mutton; and the house makes the *vierr*, if the tourist has not the shoo, these all are smoked. By the way of descent, there is wild raspberries, stawberries, and cranberries, a yellow insipid fruit of pale amber color, which tastes like a pine-soaked-raspberry. The only bread is procured at the up-country station is *Arntsen's*, thus described: It is *light, airy, chewy, full of little bits of raisins, and very soft. The one loaf of it has a box with this paper torn*

—*Chamber's Journal.*

Philosophy has not so much enabled us to overcome their weakness, as it taught the art of concealing them. Man, being essentially active, must be in activity his joy; as well as his pain. He is not content with anything else that is good, is in the own way. —Whipple.