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2825 Third Street,
Ocean Park, Cal.

July 11, 1915.

Mr. Harry George,

Dear Sir.

Your letters came while I was in Seattle, and that is the reason I delayed in answering them. I have just opened up a show here at the Pier at Ocean Park, exhibiting my curios and furs, also having an Eskimoe Show in connection.

You asked for a list of my curios. I will give you some idea of the things I have which are the most uncommon.

There are the bows and arrows, made from the spruce and willow. The bow is of the three piece model, and I have reason to believe that they are the better kind as they are strongly lashed with braided sinew. It takes six months for the natives to make a bow. The arrows are mostly all copper tipped and a few ivory tipped. A good many of them have as many as five splices in them. They are welded together with the hot blood of a ptarmigan. The natives always splice their bows and arrows as often as they have to, as the wood is scarce and they only gather it in the summer time.

Copper beaded ice-picks, snow knives and seal spears of copper tips, I have found the workmanship to be much better than that found in

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either the Siberian or Greenland specimens . The lash of the seal spear is of braided sinew . I also have a few bone snow-knives.

Caribou clothing . Cups made from soap-stone , and some from musk-ox horns. Fish hooks of copper with lines of sinew. Sewing kits made in ivory and copper needles. Snow glasses that are different from the Nome Alaska natives. Various sized cooking pots and lamps that serve the double purpose of lamp and stove. all chiseled from soap-stone. It is the smoothest work in chiseling that I have ever seen. It takes several months to make a small lamp. They vary from 8 to 30 in. in length and 4 to 8 in. in width, and 3 to 8 in. in depth. One stone lamp , ordinary size, will give as much heat as our oil stove.

There are also toy sets of these lamps and pots that were being used by the children when I got them. I forgot to mention the copper fish gaffs.

Besides the curios that I gathered, from the land that Stefansson claims to be inhabited by the Blond Eskimos , I have curios from the Siberian side too.

If you happen to be coming out to the coast I would like to have you come to Ocean Park and see the collection , or if it is impossible for you to do so , and there is any special set of things you would like to know more about , please write to me at our earliest convenient time, Thanking you for your kindness in enquiring about my goods, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Bernard
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