

Sitka, 22 Jan.

11:20 a.m.: Even now that it's begun raining, the mtns are more plentifully seen than in summer; there aren't the lowering clumps of cloud as then, just a high general overcast out of which the rain seeps. It began the same as rain last summer, simply there in the air a moment or two before you quite notice it.

--When I walked this morning before the rain, the mtns east (?) of town, beyond the Nat. Park point, were in dark timbered outline against higher, sharper snow-peaks on the horizon; the cannonball peak directly over the point particularly stands out, against the bigger mtns behind and the weathered-in sky.

--Verstovis remains out in very sharp outline even in rain.

→ As if its blade of peak and sharp slopes have slit the weather.

The Russian bishop's residence, built by Finnish carpenters, was an entire manor house of squared trees...

check E20. Simpson o Sitka visit, especially sauna

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Si 51m

p 133-1500 barrels salmon salted annually; from
river "cb mi. of port"

- bath: "throw water on iron furnace" - cld of steam -
attd + poured buckets of hot water on S.,
lathered him "c a handful of pine tops"
- then grad ly colder buckets of water
- o an hr in bath

p. 38--check whether Kolosh market inside or out

OK -
Price letter
12-14-81

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Ap 1, 1980: E to Isabel Miller: "I have prepared a booklet about the daily life in Sitka during the 1840's as it was experienced by the Finns employed by the R-A Co. I intend to send you a copy soon."

--"I am an amateur..."

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Manuscript C-13
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V.1

1873, June 22 - Jul 5 letter to Anna B. Sutton,
describing Sitka from Scollay Parker

Rm stove: cylinder, made of bricks covered by sheet iron, nearly as high as room. Light a fire by morn, close damper & radiated heat keeps rm warm all day.

"This is a healthy season." (letter-writer evidently with my dr)

- "sun not setting until after 9 when a long twilight comes on."
- Can read without lamp to 9:30.

probably not

charge line about cathedral bells resounding to "the streets of the night"?

from Joe Ashby, Sitka, 28 Jul '80:

plates of ice, thin as 00, formed a rain barrels
(Sitka weather before escape?)
(It was caused to worry a blizzard... but they had
luck, a veil of rain instad of an enwrapmt of snow)
Snow was. / weather I found...

worst month ,
then some ~~xxx~~
ly southeasterly.
to tide, cause

22 Jan. '81, Sitka

--Mt. Verstova: looms at end of town, its summit a triangle of ~~xxxk~~ rough rock atop vaster triangle of wooded slopes.

--Other, snowier mtns stand behind it on both sides, like courtesans (?) ~~aligned~~ arrayed a few steps in back of Tsarina.

--M had habit of checking the tiara of rock atop Verstova, to see whether it had become covered with snow overnight or remained brockled.

→ --From a point on Main St. near the Castle, in morning dark the green-painted spires of the church blend into forested slope of Verstova; as you walk toward the church, the Orthodox cross ~~xxx~~ atop the spire seems to rise out of the left-hand slope of the mtn. Have W notice this?

23 Jan: re-checked this illusion this morn: at corner by Pioneer home--catercorner from steps to Castle Hill--the carrot-spire's cross seems to rise from the left -hand (north?) slope of V'a, about 1/3 way up, as if advancing to claim the summit. (or use a Calvary theme?)

--If you let yourself dwell on the menace of these mountains, you would go around in terror all day, like a cowering dog.

Sitka 22 Jan: Park hg

Herring were packed into canoes & special timed paddles & eaten fresh or dried for future use.

Sitka Nat PR Museum/1

- sketch "People of Frog" - among coastal migrants who eventually came into Alaska by South were those who later formed Kiksadi clan of Tlingit.
- Towed their clan emblem (log carving of piggy-back-riding frog) behind ~~canoe~~ canoe in migrations
- settled at Kik's bay; dispute, 1/2 village moved to site of Wrangell; split again, some moved near Sitka; built stronghold o Castle Hill.
- slide show explained migration from South: Indians are thought to have come by Asia, on thru BC'dia to Nass River, followed it to coast, began eventual n'ward migration from there.

Sitka Nat Park Museum / 2

- scene of sailing ship: "People from under-clouds: A Tlingit legend-song tells of sighting a Sea's ship. Sinds mistook vessel for great white raven, creator of universe. When they discov. ship carried mortal men, sea of trading began."
- see other display: pelts bought (in China) teas, spices & silks with a picture in K'a.

Sitka 22 Jan.: Park hg.

Alent's R m calendar: piece of dark red wood ^{likely red cedar, well-finished} o. size of this card, c 12 rows of holes, ~~horizontal~~ horizontal, 1 hole for each day of month. Like a big cribbage board; peg was moved day by day. Peg holes o. size of finishing nail.

(- Feb, 2d now, has 29 holes; Jan., 31)

religious days marked \oplus ; fairly frequent, p'taps 8-10 in 1st 2 mos

- did Rms hand these out to Alent converts?

Sitka, 22 Jan.

used

Seagulls flash very white against forested slope of Verstovia.

--white as snow creatures

Sitha 22 Jan.

- from bridge: w/s M at eye-level c Castle when he was on.
stockade near blockhouse? - as seen from up limit sign on far
side of str, yes.
- width of channel: 400 paces, from ped m sign to Standard dock
~~road~~

Alaska trip

4 + likely - old - other day

rain 2 days of B_{11} ^{much} ~~often~~ than that in cloud.

Sitka lived in cloud. At times the vapor ~~swam~~ flowed along bottoms of mtns, making the peaks float like dark icebergs. Other times the cloud layer lopped the mtnstops, leaving a plateau of dark trees which simply rose until it vanished in flat line of fleece.

usual

Teichmann/2

*194--canoes: "According to state of tide they are drawn up high or low on the fine white sand, thickly strewn with mussels, from time to time water is thrown over them to keep the timber moist, and if there is only a little sunshine the precious craft are covered with sacking or brushwood to prevent them from warping or splitting." *used*

--immediately behind Ind village, hillside cemetery with "numerous little wooden huts which serve to guard the ashes of the dead."

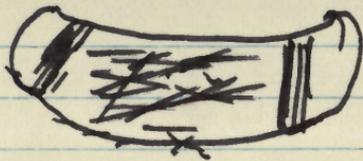
→ 198--descptn of Russian bathhouse and taking a bath

231--thorny "Devil's rush": unless thorn cut from skin inflamn is caused; wounds heal slowly and with difficulty in the climate. T himself "had my finger violently inflamed in this way and was altogether so unwell as a result of of recurrence of wet weather... I retired to my bed very ill..."

5 Feb 22 Jan: Park hq.

- filter respirator: 8 9" in arced span, 4" hi, 2" thick
fibers are thin reeds, wide as toothpicks.

About 2" in from each end, wound twines of reeds bound
longer ones into bundle



Fiber cd be spruce root

Sitka 22 Jan.

- Castle rock: irony of hump its size serving as commanding position in land of colossal mtns.

view

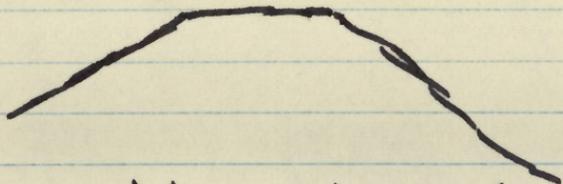
- height: even c. 2-story post office behind it. Estd on ridge: 35-40'

- width: abt 75 paces along side paralleling channel

- humps: w/ost
dumpling
dollop

Sitka 22 Jan.

Mt. Edgecumbe: classic volcano outline, broad cone & flattened top.



seams of snow upright near top of slope

use a W scene of
waiting?

Ushin

p. 39, F. 26, 1885: "...this man turns with every wind."

Are you going to turn with every wind?

A man ought not turn a every wind, but.

Sitka 22 Jan

2:20 pm - ¹crash of water at high tide along Baranov's promenade.
steady

Sitka, Jan '81

--The morning I left, Mt. Edgecumbe had fresh snow, drastically changing its lacklustre streaky appearance of previous days: the snow gave it a handsome, proportioned, Fujiyama-like look.

--Similarly, Verstovia had fresh snow along its northern fin of ridge.

--I was told by Rusty, the airporter driver, that Sitka winter usually is clearer than this overcast winter has been.

Sitka, 23 Jan.

By 8:30 am, visibility: Verstovia, the Sound islands, mtns all around can be seen. Thoroughly overcast morn, but a hole of near-blue opened briefly overhead.

b. 1865

The "terrible beauty" of the Irish songsman--Yeats--comes to mind: enormity of these mtns, the reach of water, the tremendous weather, being reborn each morn. And somehow born with startlement each morn, as if there'd never been a previous. Continuing astonishment to one of the characters.

Scene is like fjord country must be, but with the fleet of forested islands in the Sound, and the extent of water around the town; fjord country in collision with something more.

Dusting of overnight snow on top 1/5 of Verstovia this morn; emphasizes its sharpness, aloofness.

Verstovia and the islands are the first clearly visible features at earliest light, as they are the last at night.

Could see my breath this morn.

Sitka:

flag: would there be one over N Acad? \mathcal{R} in imperial?
 \mathcal{R} -A Co?

23 Jan., Sitka

Last night, went toward blockhouse about 11; with today's town lights it's hard to imagine how dark New A would have been, but certainly it would have been starless this time of year; as blackly void overhead as if there'd never been stars.

--sound of rain hitting my jacket, by time I got back to hotel.

Blue

Sitka, 22 Jan. '81: Shee Atika rm 530, 11:35 am--

Y'day's flight was mostly in overcast, but when the water could be seen, there were surf-rings of white around all rocks and shorelines like rims of frost.

When we began descent to Ketchikan, I could see what I think was Rose Spit of Graham I. in Qn Chs: a horn of shoreline, cornucopia-shaped, coming out of overcast covering rest of the island.

Ketchikan was in full bluster: whitecaps on channel as the plane danced in from the north (? up-channel from town, anyway). I got off, stepped outside the terminal, it was near-gale. Where rain-water had puddled, wind went across it in intermittent sheets. Every so often, wind would switch direction, but whoop just as hard.

On approach to Sitka, plane went out over Mt. Edgecumbe, stood on its side and roared back to airport; another turbulent approach--seatbelt signs were kept on all the way from Seattle--and then a landing, far enough down the runway to draw comment from young Sitka fisherman next to me.

Blue

Jan. 22/2--Got to Shee Atika abt 4:45, at once walked around town while there was any daylight left. Went to Sheffield House, asked what time coffee shop opened (7 am), noticed sheen of rockface beneath blockhouse, went atop Castle Rock for brief look at Sound, then up Main St. to bookstore and on to hotel. Had a drink-- a \$2.25 Scotch--~~xxx~~ then dinner, a \$12 salmon steak.

Didn't get up until almost 7:30 this morning; this room was quiet as it was last summer, with the exception that the garbage truck takes on a load beneath its window about 7 am, a colossal grinding and munching. Had breakfast at Sheffield, where we'd had good service last summer; this time, service was lousy (altho the other waitress than mine seemed okay), 2 hotcakes were \$2.95, glass of milk \$1.20.

Came back from b'fast, grabbed file card notebook and set out to walk town while it wasn't raining. Went as far as airport terminal, went in for cup of coffee, took first notes; rain began slightly as I took notes on bridge on way back.

Blue

22 Jan, 5:45 pm--As ~~if~~ I watch out to see when total darkness will descend, my face is reflected in cross-hatched window of hotel room: diamond pattern of about $3/4$ " squares, as if I were peering at myself in prison visiting room.

Blue

23 Jan 81: got up about 7:15 this morn, still in pitch-black; shaved, took shower, was drying when phone rang--Bill Reeburgh, calling from Juneau, saying they seem to have room aboard for me, so I should just show up at the ship when I get there. The kind of dependable attending to detail I would expect of Bill.

--Decided to try the cafe in the ramshackle Sitka hotel this morn, having noticed a working crowd eating there y'day. Turns out to be the one place in town where the coffee is pretty good and there's an actual cream (well, milk) pitcher instead of packaged crap. Just had toast, because I'll have an early lunch courtesy of Col. Sanders, but the hotcakes looked much better than the Sheffield's. Cafe had that greasy patina, a kind of yellowing or ivorying, I've seen in so many places of its sort in Montana.

--Ate last night at the pizza place--Marina Ristorante, I guess it is--and the smallest house specialty (sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms, cheese) pizza I could get, for I think \$8.50, was an 11-incher, considerably more than I could get away with. Seems impossible to eat sanely, or at least healthily and thriftily, on a trip such as this.

--Went back to room, worked on file notes for a while, watched tv until 9:06 movie (Coast to Coast) at local theater, then to the blockhouse afterward.

Blue

23 Jan.81: during this stay, Sitka's streets have been perpetually sheened, with the rain that's just fallen or is falling now.

--Gulls muster atop the bay-facing slatted roof of Shee Atika in great flock, as if awaiting enough wingpower to peel the roof away.

--Went to Old Harbor bookshop about 10:15, wanting to ask owner Don Muller if he'd read Sitka portion of ms for me. He was washing windows, and not wanting to interrupt him, I browsed inside, bought a p'back, then noticed that the guy talking to the clerk was Michael Carley, Sally Arbur's husband and the Simon & Schuster traveler for NW.

Brevig, B-356, appendix: Baranov imported needed artisans from Scandinavia and allowed them to attend Lutheran services at first Protestant church in Alaska.

T. L. Brevig, Apaurak in Alaska 979.86 B75a

* p. 304: "In order to realize his plan of establishing handicrafts Barranoff imported Finnish, Swedish, and Norwegian craftsmen to introduce various crafts and industries. He caused a shipyard to be built and established workshops of various types.

...These colonists from Scandinavia were Lutherans and like our Lapps in 1894 refused to leave their homeland without the good offices of the Christian Church. They were accompanied by a pastor who also brought with him a complete set of church furnishings.

(305) Pastors were sent them from Sweden until 1867...

1855-1907

The Alaskan, Sitka - skinned, alt Hist Lib, 7/23/80, de Armond
relig index

8/9/90 "The Lutheran Church", 1, 4

1853 - 120-150 Lutherans at S'a.

Add: see "Army Officer's Trip to Alaska" in Sitka research folder.

Whympers/2

75-6 --"Warm sunny weather is invariably accompanied by the prevalence of fever and pulmonary complaints, and rheumatism is looked upon as an inevitable concomitant to a residence in the settlement. Doubtless the miasma arising from damp and decaying vegetable matter is one reason why Sitka is more unhealthy in fine weather than in wet: a fact which was constantly stated to us by the inhabitants."

79--"Their canoes are much inferior to those of the lower coast"

--Rn hospitality: "The first phrase of their language acquired by us, was 'Petnatchit copla' (fifteen drops). Now this quantity--in words so modest--usually meant a good half tumbler of some unmitigated spirit, ranging from Cognac to raw vodka of a class which can only be described by a Californian term as 'chain lightning'..."

ms add: *
sec 2)
p. 3

Sheldon Jackson museum

* - 3 pound box of tea used in trading } add to ms, Brook, Id section,
used p. 1

exhibit drawer # 4: Tlingit lit and shell, copper, ivory & beads
 for decs: "sometime after 1850" began to work
 gold & silver by pounding out coins

ex drawer # 3: Tlingit candle holder: 0 12" long; 3-4" of handle,
used 9" of broad scoop, like flatfish
 version of dol/flour scoop

Sithka

fiber masks worn as respirators in bath: reed-like material, woven into curved mask to fit lengthwise across palm of hand & be held over nose & mouth.

"Reed" material is about $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide

Sitka

Alaska trip

in rain, everything blanks out except nearest islands in Sitka harbor, which consequently seem more prominent--the only dark outlines swimming against the gray, like furry whales--than ever.

hill above Sitka was becoming community of cemeteries--I ndian nearest the water, then Lutheran (?), then Russian (?). Have Melander tell one of the others--Wennberg?--that's where they'll all end up if they don't escape. (Or have M or one of the others think it?)

Covrilov

Phyllis DeMuth (I think) told me of inscription on ~~Solovin(?)~~ grave at Sitka:

"Peace be to your dust". Check with Isabel Miller or Marilyn Knapp before using.

Sophia Cracroft, Journal kept in Alaska, 12 May to 14 June 1870.
Al His Lib, ms 248/242; original at Scott Polar Research Inst.,
Cambridge: not to be quoted, but can be studied for detail.

p. 1--Sitka: some bldgs yellow, with red roofs; green dome and
spire of church.

--Indian village separate, stretching along beach

2--barracks and customs house face parade ground; walked past
Rn church, clubhouse, bishops house, hospital, cont'd on trail
out of town to shore road leading to Indian River. Military
carts use the road for wood, and sometimes for river water.

3--feeling of margin provided by stumps, fallen trees, vegn

4--down coast abt 14 miles is the redoubt

5--sound carried from Indian village with great clarity: drumming,
voices, dogs (cross between dog and wolf : erectears, sharp
noses, bushy tail, snapping bark. tremendous noise at night.

Cracroft/2

6--old Rn gun mounts opposite barracks; ~~xxxxxx~~ next to which, on right hand (with flagstaff) facing parade grnd is customs house; from custom house, walked across parade grnd past officers qtrs and general 's house to entrance ~~of~~ to Indian village. Gate or door in stockade there is locked every night at 6, no Indian allowed in after. 6 the next morn, door is opened and Indians come in again.

7--close by is fire engine house. Storehouse with gabled end stood close to water.

--up main st., past Rn ch, stood old Rn bldg of round logs painted yellow and called the "double decker" from its 2 rows of windows, each rep'g a room. 200 poor Rns who stayed on at Sitka live there, are crowded and die off fast.

11--Indn ch built by Rns on hill overlkg Ind village close to blockhouse and stockade. small red roofed cupola and usual green spire, in miniature, which has fallen out of perpendicular. cemetery adjoining.

--down the hill, followed path to the magazine on another hill; also there, 2 wooden cottages Rn gov had used as country resort.

Cracroft/3

12--Rn chu interior: no seats, men and women on opposite sides; cheancel divided from worship area by solid screen with large grated door in middle and smaller solid doors on either side; all except grating painted with figures in embossed silver with face and hands only painted, after fasion of Grk church which forbids graven image for worship.

15--Protnt chapel bu<lt for Finns, altar and pic of the Transfiguration at upper (east) end
--out gate of stockade is Indian market, long low shed with deer, ducks and fish hung along walls.

16--Ind village straggles along beach abv high water mark, canoes drawn up close to houses.
--huge halibut being cut up into strips, to hang in sun and then smoked for winter.

17--Ind village is on slope, broken up with rock and stones and occasional streamlets, ground is never dry and much muss and smell.

Cracroft/~~ix~~ 4

17--ice harvest at Kodiak in Rn era began each season with special religious ceremony attended by Rn subjects and Aleuts

18--if good weather lasts for more than few days in Sitka, people take cold

23--twilight lovely in its transparence; great stillness

29--after 10 days of sunshine, rain welcomed by Sitkans, who'd begun complaining of want of tone and strength. The town pump had failed.

32--between their house and church, wooden gateway, as if forming part of domain with hill where the magazine is: pond gone green with slime, ~~xxx~~ canopied grandstand with stains on its green paint, deserted greenhouse. This garden bounded by road under the Indian ch to the magazine.

34--in general's house, full-length portrait of Rn emperor: originally of Emperor Nicholas, but when he died the head was obliterated and successor's painted in.

37-8--Inds catch hummingbirds, tie them by legs 10-20 per stick, bring them to town for sale.

Cracrftot/5

38--climate burns the skin even when cloudy
--expn of sketch of town

41--furs: fox skins, gray and mixed, with thick black tails
tipped with white; marten sable; sea otter, gray and very soft.

42--westerly wind brings fair weather; often SWly.
NE wind brings rain and cold. Barometer changes do not seem
to forecast weather.

49--despite rain, air is dry; can rain all day but no penetrtg
damp

51--walked past sawmill, then to Rn bathhouse: one rm, with
hot stones

53--Rn observatory was on Japonski I., with windvane, chronmtr,
thermon; Amcns thought the obsvtns unreliable because of
condition of apparatus, and the old Rn in charge a drunkard.

55--June 10, can read to 0:30 even on cloudy evening. Midnight,
darkest time, can still see anyone passing on st.

Cracroft/6

p. 13 of handwritten ms: at right of Rm ch, c mtr peak in
bgnd, wa Lutheran chapel.

p. 36 of typescript: sketch described "from our side window" (facing
along st away up Rm ch in above sketch) isn't evident in
ms: desepn says ~~at~~ below shops on left of her sketch
is custom hse c flagst//, aftr which is ascent to genl's house -
"4 last (visible) / of 2 large bldgs used as barracks." Sea
& islets beyond; storehse on wharf at end of st.

OHS pic file: Alaska--towns, N-Z

Sitka details:

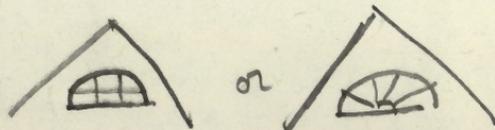
--Sitka Trading Post bldg, big front-gabled bldg abt 2 blocks w. of church, was built of logs at least big around as man's body. 8 of them one atop the other to make a 1st floor about twice a man's height.

--church in 1887 pic is not painted contrasting color on dome and spire. 3 bells side by side, with clappers dangling, can be seen from front view.

--a view from water --neg # 47363--shows a 2nd blockhouse, east from the replica, and evidently identical in design. Along the waterfront, from a warehouse and wharf and extending toward where the gate would have been, is high fence which could have been original stockade; it is higher than 1st floor of the warehouse, possibly 12-14'. Several canoes are along the beach in front of Indian houses. (Note: no stockade fence still to be seen between blockhouses.)

--Hip roofs on most bldgs, inc. Castle; Castle and other have small half-moon windows in gables:

- 1/2 wagon wheel
spoked 1/2 circles
semi-



Alaska trip

Ricks
B-4643

Wheymper, Frederick, Travel & Adventure in
Terr of Alaska (1868)

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~~pp. 93-100~~

74--"the colouring of the town is gay...houses yellow, with sheet-iron roofs painted red; the bright green spire and dome of the Greek Church, and the old battered hulks, roofed in and used as magazines, lying propped up on the rocks at the water's edge, with the antiquated buildings of the Russian Fur Company, gave Sitka an original, foreign, and fossilized kind of appearance." (W arrived Sitka 8 Aug 1865)

← used

75--"peltries of 21 different stations were annually brought" to Sitka.

--Lutheran ch "within a few steps" of Rn

Sitka-to-be

For all of

varieties
its bazaar-like clots of immigrants, or perhaps because of them,

New Archangel chronically

Sitka life was pyramidal, as symbolized by TB's castle atop its rock; socially, it struck was from TB's officials of high birth, down thru clerks, etc., to common laborers, creoles, etc., & outside - stockade, Indians.

↳ Vaster pyramids loomed everywhere: mtns such as V'ia

Holmberg,

Pt. 2, p. 76 -

1850, H befriended Chief Schighakku at Sitka, also called Michael; as "timphik chief of." Thsts, ~~he~~ was given a gold embroidered cape, a dagger & a tricorn hat y. Rm admin, & he wore this costume to all festive occasions ch. port, even when attend's a guest dinner at gov's."

Holmberg

302 - ⁷ Lingets eat: mussels, herring roe, starfish, squid

- " . abt tide ... at Sitka ... lowers . water level
to a maximum of 15' ; ~~leaves~~ leaves . shore twice a day ... "

Holmberg

308 - "One seldom sees (Tlingits) step into
marketplace which is created in ~~the~~ palisade
around (Sitka) for natives to sell diff/nt foods
without his dagger."

Holmberg,

7+2, p. 79+ - "steamer Nikolai (sic) I was placed
 at our disposal": It was at Sitka 1850-2

1887:(p. 17) 100 steps led up to the castle

p. 19: There were quite a number of water pools in the road, it having rained like always at Sitka. The plank sidewalks were so rotten and in too bad condition.

p. 23: I also bought from the Russian American Co. which still were keeping the ice houses filled in San Francisco...Their saw mill in Sitka, what the A.C. Co. had not moved. After it had been idle for 10 years and more, I repaired it, put new waterwheel and flumes and also steam-power, and started to get out yellow cedar and white spruce lumber...

p. 25: ...the Chilcats, the Hoonup from Chichagof and Cross Sound and Icy Straits, the Hootchinos from Admiralty Island, the Auks from Auka River and present Juneau, the Takoos from Takou and Windham Bay, the Schucks from Sumdum and different others...

p. 30: Of course all the Indians could make a sort of "Hootch" out of berries, seaweed, and of course with the abundance of flour, sugar and dr. and canned fruit, they brewed any quantity of "Hootch" so the whole tribe and J.&H. were drunk and caroused for several weeks...

p. 33: Daylight got us to Killisnoo and found the Favorite there ready to start for Sitka...I had not got my boat any further than the Auk Village where we stopped at Koweeh's big barn over night. I had paid Koweeh by then the 100 pair blankets and what I had promised, and a son of a second chief was jealous of Koweeh, as Koweeh was an old man. This Chavack tried to get me to come to his barn. You know they accommodate 20 to 30 families, with the big fire in center, ~~and Koweeh~~ ...a fight between the tribe...they fought

most all night, shooting down the smokehole in the roof, but Koweeh had killed all fire, so the others could shoot down with their old blunderbusses into the dark, while we could see them well enough against the sky.

... "Chinook" these Indians none understood but a few Sitkas.

p. 38 (about an incident of the death of a medicine man and retaliatory capture of 2 whites, and this aftermath, circa 1887): So Capt. Berryman steamed in front of the "Hootchinoo" village sent a squad of marines toward the back of the village and the gang of sailors on the beach to gather all the canoes, tie them together and send them adrift on Chatham Straits. Then he opened fire on the village and with his two small guns and two Gattlings. Not being able to set it afire, he sent sailors ashore to set fire to the whole village and as it was ~~in~~ in the fall when the Indians had all their winter supplies, consisting of dried salmon, fish and seal oil and whale blubber, the village made a fine bonfire and everything was burned down. The fleet of canoes Capt. Berryman tried to sink by shooting, but when it failed and tide was taking it down Chatham Straits too fast, he sent a gang of sailors with axes to cut holes in the bottom and of course the fleet sunk then. The unjust act has cost the lives of many prospectors who never heard of again after leaving Juneau, as the Hootchinoo kept hostile for years after

Dall, Alaska and Its Resources

p. 544

Means of 14 years' weather obsvtns at Sitka by Rns, 1849-1862:

	Sp	Sum	Aut	Winter	Yr
thermometer, degrees	41.3	54.3	44.2	31.9	42.8
rainy days	55	66	72	57	245
inches of rainfall	13.9	15.4	30.8	22.9	83.33

p. 543: 1868 weather chart~~x~~ inc snowy days:

Jan. - 3
 Feb. - 0
 March - 13
 Nov. - 5
 Dec. - 3

Al His Lib

J.p. Anderson, Procdgs, Iowa Ac. of Science, 1916,
"Notes on the flora of Sitka, 427-482;

AB-20206

ditto 1918, "Plants of Southeastern Alaska," 427-429

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Sitka By The Sea

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Life in Alaska, Mrs. Eugene S. Willard

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p. 39, June 29, 1881: ...the Indians, and particularly our tribe, do beautiful work in carving in bracelets of silver, and in spoons and forks of wood and bone, and in weaving from the inner bark of trees baskets, table-mats, hats, etc., which are not only very pretty, but very durable...

I have not spoken the language. It is very difficult, but the Sitka, Stickeen and Chilcat tribes speak the same.

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p. 231, 1882: ...when dear Mother Austin heard of our sickness (in Chilcat) she was determined to come to us in a canoe--a distance of over 200 miles (from Sitka), in traversing which many and many a canoe is lost.

p. 267, 1883: Sitka is situated on a beautiful harbor bearing the same name and indenting the west coast of Baranoff Island. Great mountains to the east and the north stand guard over the little town...sheltering it from cold ~~and~~ winds and snow...Seaward, too, island fortifications thrown up in the long-ago shield (Sitka) from the roughness of the waters.

It is not cold here. At the foot of the mountains there is, indeed, enough ice on the little lake (whose waters, flowing down, keeping turning the great wheel of the sawmill in the town) to make skating--for some days at least--during the short winter, and enough snow falls to make a hand-sled quite a pleasure on the long, smooth street...

The ground may change in an hour from its native gray to the snowy white made gay with noisy children, and in an hour more all the snow may have vanished and the rain be pouring down...the humidity...is much less than many portions of the United States...

p. 269, 1883: The town itself is a little old, tumbledown affair more remarkable for its mossy Russian ruins than for anything else...

The new mission building is at the extreme edge of town, with old Popoff Mountain behind, almost overhanging it. At the other end of the long town, in a part from which, during Russian rule, the main town was barricaded, is the native village, with its front open to the bay, and with a higher ridge of ground close behind, and which is almost as thickly built with little houses for the dead. As a natural barrier, great rocks push out from this ridge toward the bay, just at the entrance to the village; and there, where rock and water fail to meet, is the builded barricade, with but a single opening into the smooth green common. The latter...seems to have been in the old days a park, whose picturesque music-stand still remains. But the trees, together with the pleasant cottage-residences occupied by the Russian officers, and which surrounded two sides of the park, were burned down long ago. A stone wall on the third side, set with cannon, kept the law between ~~xxx~~ land and sea. Along the fourth side--and this just opposite the barricade--still stand the custom-house and the barracks, between which, guarded by mounted brass cannon, is the double-gate entrance to the "castle," built on a high rock overlooking both town and harbor and reached by means of wearisome flights of stairs. This immense old log structure, with the arched windows of its high-gabled centre roof looking out to sea, is the third building which has occupied this rock-top. Of the others, the first was destroyed by fire; the second, a brick building, by earthquake. But all three have been so ones of much magnificence as the residence of the ruling prince. The hewn logs of this building are fitted into each other like round-bottom troughs, with moss and clay between, and are dovetailed at the corners, through each of which passes a great copper bolt from roof

to foundation.

During Russian reign Sitka was full of life and gayety, having, besides its prince*s family, his suite, government officials with their families, and the military. There were also the officers of the Greek Church; for, as you know, many of its priests and bishops are members of the Russian army. The church at that time was rich, magnificent with its pictures, its gold-wrought and jeweled frames and hangings...There were...several good schools and a seminary...also, shipping-yards with "ways" for launching vessels of a thousand tons....

In front of the government buildings, passing through the common, is the hard smooth avenue running directly through the town from the wharf back ~~of~~ the barracks to Sheldon Jackson Institute, and for a mile beyond through the evergreens, which, opening here and there, give lovely glimpses of the bay. There are no horses and carriages to travel this road now, though in Russian days, I am told, they were both numerous and fine...

p. 350: ...the great stone (called by the white citizens of Sitka the "Blarney stone") which stands in the roadway just opposite the gate of the Sheldon Jackson Institute...

Colonial Russian America:

Kyryll Khelebnikov's Reports, 1817-32

Or His Soc, '76

- 24: Sitka climate "like autumn yr-round"
- 36: habitat basic for natives
 - cuttlefish called "button-shell" (my note: were 1st whites called similarly because of their buttons?)
- ✓ -41: census inc 22 sentries
- 42: terms of indenture
- 63: sailcloth
- 74: 1st of Hds inc bathhouse for off/cls, another for garrison
(both built 1821-6)
- 75 blacksmiths work on ship items; 1 makes or repairs axes
 - Metalworker in two shops: 1 repairs & cleans weapons...
- 77 charcoal used in pigeo, & in spring to smoke rats from ships.

Alaska trip

Enckell: his summary notes of his booklet on Finns at Sitka,
1840-45

among his sources: Tikhemenev, Andrews, Okun, Chevigny, Simpson,
but also diaries of mss of Sahlberg, Mrs Etholen, Plathan,
Cygnaeus, Frankenhaeuser, Bartram, Gavrilov.

May 30 (yr not given, but likely 1840)--name-day of gov's wife,
Mrs. Kuprianov, celebrated with dinner for 30.

↘ July 20, "excursion to Sitka Hot Wells and to Ozerskoi redoubt
arranged by Etholen. The company's steamboat was used...members
of his staff and their wives took part in the journey."

pp.10-12: "Sahlberg went on an expedition in a baidarka together
with 2 Aleuts to several islands in Sitka sound and to narrow
firth nearby." Encountered grp of Tlingits starting to burn
dead chieftain.

Nov. 9--winter weather started, lake frozen, skating.

pp. 18-19: Cyg "relates the living costs in Sitka and their
consequences for the many Finnish craftsmen in Sitka."

p. 37: F'er "describes in his letter, May 18 1842, the club-life
in Sitka and the difficulties that had appeared through the c̄ass-
prejudices between the 'aristocrats' and the master skippers, office
clerks etc. The club had 40 members of whom 15 belonged to the
first mentioned..."

Enckell summary/2

38-9: F'er in May 18 1843 letter says "the new blubhouse had been taken in use during the previous winter." Describes 8 balle (balls?) held there.

Voyage of Nikolai from Helsinki-Sitka, 1939-40.

--~~Oct. 19~~ departure; evidently arrived May 12 ("12 maj")

12 Sept.

details: Nov. 18, flying fish

" " ocean so warm a bath did not refresh; fleabites.

Nov. 10--30th lat. crossed, damp and very hot, water and food supplies diminished, meals poorer.

Nov. 29; equator crossed

Dec. 10, Rio

Jan. 25, passing "Staten Island"(off S. Am), giant albatross and penguins around ship.

Feb. 1, southernmost position Lat. 58 00' 50"

Feb. 4, ship surrounded by whales

Feb. 7, most passengers had to eat meals standing because so many chairs broke to pieces in sev days' storm

Ap 6, crossed equator again

Alaska Trip

Alexander Friedrich Frankenhäuser, 1811-1864

Doctor at Sitka 1840-53--diary or letters used by Enckell.

Sitka His Soc

card from Etholin display: metr '1 ~~sky~~ observatory built on Japonský in 1842. "hourly readings of both a unifilar and bifilar (horizontal intensity) instrument--evidently a declinometer (unifilar variometer)--carried on "with some variation in the number of readings per day" to end of 1852.

alaska trip

Sitka

from Joe Ashby:

morning wind comes in off. bay - from SE *wind*

Roche, Alfred R., A view of Russian America in
 connection with present war (1855)

- p. 23 - Sitka: inner line of fort/cn (1837) is heavy line of
 "picketed" logs, 25' high, surmounted c chevaux de frise,
 flanked at angles c blk houses
- 24 - light house in center of roof of gov's mansion 110' above sea level

Jarl Enckell

desc. of Nikolai which made Etholin' s 1839040 voyage :
3-masted, built in AAbø 1836-7, capacity 450 tons. "The
trip to Sitka ... was the second in order which was undertaken...
The cargo consisted of supplies for the colonies

Jarl Enskell

John Bartram entry: 1839, various Finns with Etholin to Sitka~~2~~.

Letter from B, Ap 30, 1841: Nov 26, left Sitka on trip to Calif. "met severe head winds, but since Sitka is usually afflicted with southerly winds and foggy weather, I had to move out to s ea. The next day toward evening the winds became somewhat less severe and I, with my "nutshell" of a ship, had to sail the open seas. After this in 9 days I reached latitude 40 having bucked the same winds that blow both summer and winter. On the 12th of December~~2~~ we viewed land at Mendocino...

(B says he sailed on brig Baikal)

Jarl Enckell

Uno Cygnaeus in Sitka, 1840-45 (as Lutheran minister

Sailed from Helsingfors, aboard the Nikolai, in Sept. 1839.

Arrived Sitka, May 12, 1840, after 8 month voyage.

"the following day...I went into ~~to~~ the workers barracks and there gathered 30-40~~m~~ Finns and Swedes around me... . These European worker~~w~~ comprised the congregation ~~the~~ here. This is increased to nearly 150 in time.

mentions billiards room in gov's house

mail arrived once a year, from Okhotsk
masquerade

mentions ~~ball~~ at gov's, where some costumes cost 150-175 rubles.

C and another man built skating rink: "Then one could observe the half naked natives sitting on the ice beholding the wonderful scene."

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P 184. - Ward, James C.
"Three Weeks in Sitka" ~~HHB-27~~
1853 [P-K 69]

12 leaves

other Sitka entries 5
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P. 174 - Kanger, Charles HHB [P-K 45]
12p, statement o R-A service

Ward/1

Sitka in "brief summer", air "filled a humdrum of all colors. Indians catch them & sold them to. Run to keep among the flowers for a few brief days."

Ward/2

W in Sitka in summer 1853, gov us "Rudakoff"
interp us "Rudakoffsky"

Ward/3

"On-lake back of Sitka an ice house was erected,
100 x 30', capable of holding 1200 tons of ice for shipment
to Calif."

Ward/4

N Angel pop'n "0 1000 contained in 200 houses."

Classes: Govt + officers 1. Rm Empire
off'ers + clerks 7 Rm Am Co
Captms, off'ers + crews 7 vessels
working classes, "some of latter serfs who are
made free by the service."

Ward/5

2 clubhouses: 1 for naval + military officers

1 for clerks + employees 7. Counting house

- "both provided a reading rooms,
billiard tables, etc."

Ward/6

2 mills in & near Selka, but "poorly attended to... no proper selection made of trees to be cut up... 1000' of lumber cost. Co. \$25 - \$30, though. forest is close at hand."

Ward/7

Gov's residence: lower floor Gov's private apt's, office, etc
upper " state aptmnts, "used for balls,
dinners & receptions"

rms heated & Rm stoves covered & porcelain tiles

Word/8

We observed that all officials & inhabitants of Sitka

"from Gov down crossed themselves devoutly before

& after meals, before & after bathing & whenever

the bells sounded at Vesper or other times."

Ward / 9

"On a hill just outside 7. town. Gov had laid out
a beaut/l garden & gravel walks, flower beds &
nicely furnished summer houses & pavilions. At. time
of W's visit (July) parrises, fruchias & plum de lys
were in bloom."

Ward /10

Sitka warehouses need "50,000 skins" annually,
worth "\$6 to \$10 each."

Ward/11

Prof Middendorff had charge of "Magnetic +
Astronomical Observing" on Japanese

Temps, Jul '52 - Jul '53; highest 59° F.
lowest 6° F.
mean 40°

Ward/13

Sitka ch built "over a relic (a Martyr's finger) &

New Testmt rests upon a cloth into which is woven

a thread from coat of a martyr.'

- ask Shelton

Word/14

" - pop'm of Sitka, outside 7 - higher of/cds, lived a great
reglnty. They went to rest at 9 PM & rose at 5 AM.
at 8 in - eve's - drums beat & also at reveille, all night
long bells at Church, at Gov's & at garden struck 2 claps?
→ at every hr & sentries cried "attention!" "

Ward/15

↳ 1852 Stikkeen Indians took over bldgs at hot springs,
"robbing. Rms 7 with to their very skirts & burning bldgs."
1 invalid presumed dead, "rest 7 party escaped & crossed
mtns to Redoubt when they arrived in a sad condition."

- Oysterhoi or Lake Redoubt: citadel 4 6-8 houses, fish house,
comdr's residence ("a non-comd officer 80 yrs of age.") 20 people.
Dam a fish traps at outlet of lake 7 miles long. Redoubt is
"8 miles up Sitka."

→
correct?

Ward/16

House of chief of Sitka Kolosh large, c 2 parts:

outer 1/2 for slaves, interior for family. Inner part "neat"

& "ornamental & coloured engravings of Empr Alexander,

Empress Anna(?) & other members of Imp. fam."

Ward/17

Kolosh once "invited a party of Stakers to take a steam bath & then smothered them by closing all openings of beds."

"Not long before W's visit, Kolosh "made peace" w Stakers, party of + than 40 Stakers came to Sitka. "During festivities which took place just outside of stockade 35 of Stakers were murdered. remainder fled to town & were protected."
(compiler's note gives this as 1852)

Ward/18 Buildings

Bldg for married laborers has 35 rms		
" said to contain 2 families each	140	(persons)
Bldg for unmarried laborers	60	
" " Chief & Upper Clerks & attendants	50	
" " Clerks of office & the attendants	25	
Club House	25	
Girls' Orphan Asylum	25	
Boys' " "	25	
Seminary: Priests, pupils etc	44	
Alent Barracks	20	
Gov's house	10	
90 bldgs @ 5 each	<u>450</u>	
	874	

Ward/19

Armaments

On wharf	3 guns (1 32-pounder)
In front of magazine	17 " (2 " ")
" blockhs at Gov's	7 "
" small blkhs	10 "
" battery at Gov's	10 "
" blockhs back of tr	10 "
" fort/d house near Ind Youn	5 "
" small steamer	2 "
" large steamer	8 "
" gun boat	<u>2</u>
	74 guns

Ward/20

Salary 7 Gov	35,000 rubles	(\$7000)
" " asst	12,000 "	(\$2400)
Workmen need	27 1/2 rubles/mo, fuel & food & quarters	

Word/12

Festive occasions - Empri's birthday, etc. - officials & native chiefs dined at Gov's mansion, after ch. suce. All in full dress & decorations. Meals sumptuous, accompnd = music, & always followed = champagne in abundance. " - latter beverage rarely
→ failed to appear even at ordnry meals. "

Sitka

· mtns were those a child would draw, high round humps
(too high for themselves) or stark triangles *used*

Alaska trip

spawn of islands 7/ Selka coast

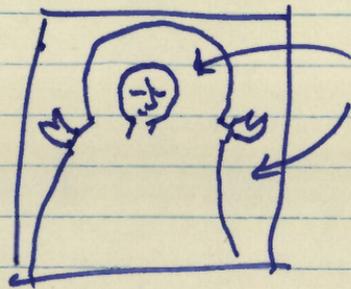
Melander knew that OO was one of the Russians who treated the natives with the happy cruelty of a kitten with its first mouse, and he was guessing that they would not exert themselves for him.

In truth, OO was glad to have Weanberg vanish. Melander was another matter... Karlsson he knew only as OO, and Braaf was ~~was~~ a dim face, a bit like a young lt he had served with when he came into the Taar's navy OO years before...

The Russians ruling at Sitka--or New Archangel as they called it in this time when the snug port was headquarters of the fur-reaping enterprise which controlled the coastline of Alaska from the Aleutian chain to OO-- the Russians did not know what they had in the Melanders of the world.

at St Museum / 2

- coins: painted madonna face & hands, brass outline of rest of figure



all brass except hands & face

long-faced π in coins

- Samovar, gold pld

Rm bishop's house:

- painted yellow ochre & green roof
- * - kartoshka opening to let air in rm
- door frame braces: U ~~butt~~ atop strap iron 
- * - linen sailcloth because cotton canvas cel-' withstand damp
- hip roof char'c of Sitka: instead of eaves, roof ends are aslant

Sitka landing / 2

C: ~~it~~ it looks like back-of-truck Switzerland

3-4 mins after takeoff, mtns disappear into clouds, then reappear

1 shard of mtn shows in middle of a cloud, impossibly high: like dark sharp piece of shell in white powder

approaching Juneau; making turn by north, plane slows & seems to become very cautious

- stewardess asks a Glacier Bay passengers as we enter hold, pattern: 9 "dings" & 7 call but no answer her.

- plane holds by going back & forth over channel: turns at either end are tight & compress. head
 ↙ (triangle route out over Chitina of ?)

large Sitka

, rectangle of tideland shows at low tide, off Nat Pt point
(i.e., facing toward town).

Alaska trip

Sitka

Christmas: would bells of St. M's ring at times during day?

Sitra

beacon light atop B's castle: have Swedes see it recede as they flee?

Sitta

Rm Xmas: midnt pvc?
 ch bells?

from Joe Ashby:

Rm sawmill sat on wharf. Fish Factory (MacDonald's store complex) is now; part of waterwheel was found when stream was done for present boat harbor.

Shee Atike sits on wharf. foundry was.

• Mills (?) house on point near pub library is on part of foundry of saltery, where Rms cured seal skins & fish.

Standard Oil bldg near Castle Hill is on site of old warehouse dock; old foundry can be seen under it.

blockhouses at Sitka: there were 4, 2 octagonal & 2 square,
of ^{oct} one reconstructed (above Sheppard here) is not what was on that
site — a sq one was.

Note: model of port in Cent. bldg mistakenly has only 3 b'houses