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and dangerous, but they had no firearms, they often attacked and killed the bear with lances if they had a few dogs to assist them. Walrus was their staple food, and they seem to have been intrepid hunters of these the most dangerous of all polar game when tackled without firearms. It is an interesting fact that their dress—bearskin knickers for the men and a distinctive dress for the women—closely resembled the "Polar" Eskimo of Smith Sound and Etah, pictures of whom were at once recognized by the older men to whom I showed them. Is it possible this is a clue to Rasmussen's interesting Eskimo story of a migration?

On the arrival of my ship in the summer of 1918, I abandoned Southampton Island and returned my natives to Baffin's Land. D.O.R.A.'s far-reaching hand has touched even these Arctic denizens, for the Food Control allowed such limited supplies on my vessel that I was unable to reach a white man I had left in charge at the northern end of Baffin's Land, and he and the natives with him have had to get through another year without supplies or ammunition.

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EUROPE

Luxemburg and Her Neighbours.— Ruth Putnam. New York and London: Putnam's Sons. 1918. Pp. xiv., 484. *Maps and Illustrations.* \$2.50.

IN this volume the authoress continues the methods of historical investigation which she has already applied to Alsace and Lorraine. It is a little disquieting to geographers to find the purely geographical description of the land compressed into seventeen lines of an introductory note, but the changes of frontier at successive periods are fully worked out and illustrated by a map, and their relative political values are indicated. The book is eminently readable, and it is brought down to date in respect of the position of Luxemburg during the war, and the circumstances under which its territory was violated by German forces; here again a sketch-map illustrates. Numerous illustrations from old prints are furnished, and some of these are not without topographical interest. A notice on the cover applies to this little territory the phrase "a land without a country," which, though perhaps hardly to be justified by the dictionary, conceals a certain geographical significance pointing to the somewhat anomalous position which independent Luxemburg has occupied—a position which must be taken into account in determining its future. It has failed through no fault of its own in the function of a buffer State; the springs of the buffer need strengthening, and this is a geographical problem which the present volume certainly helps to elucidate.

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ASIA

A Broken Journey.— Mary Gaunt. London: T. Werner Laurie. 1919. 18s. *net.*

This is a chatty, entertaining book of travel, and the author's description of her journey in Shansi gives us glimpses of rural Chinese life and of the pathos of the foreign missionaries' exile which are seldom vouchsafed us. However, it would be misleading to count it a serious book of travel, and those who look