

all whom I visited during the winter to sign
vouchers for my subsistence while with them. It
also in part to relieve Mrs. Nichols of the obligation
entertain numerous summer visitors at a time
of year when I desperately need her time and
strength in assisting me with the medical
work.

We are ready to be hospitable within
reasonable limits, and are more than willing to
help new teachers just in from Europe. Also
many inconveniences are not dictatorial or too
besome so long as they are for the good of the
Service.

Sickler as usual, is superlative.
It is too bad that that man's ~~good~~ ability
should be so clouded by his benighted
traits.

Your films & quick coffee came on
a recent mail. We are sending them back to
Home. Too bad they did not arrive in time for,
to use them.

Yours very truly

H. N. T. Nichols, M. D.

P. S. Mrs. Nichols wishes me to add that Sickler ~~is~~ ^{she} ~~feels~~ ^{feels} very bad; for she tried hard to use the Shamp ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~send~~ ^{send} ~~them~~ ^{them} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~use~~ ^{use} ~~under~~ ^{under} ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~roof~~ ^{roof}.
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Shungnak, Alaska

April, 20, 1916.

Dr. H. N. T. Nichols,
Kotzebue, Alaska,

Dear Sir,

Your letter to hand and contents noted. You are right I dont blame Mr. Shields for cutting out Shungnak (or as much of his trip as possible) as he earns his salary ten times over every winter and is in danger of his life and limb, and all the inconveniences of the trail and listening to all the kicks, and hardluck stories. No Supt. job for mine! I would rather tend bar.

Now about the voucher it is respectfully returned as to accept money for hotel bills is strictly against the rules of the house. I was raised in the good old days in California where people were taught differently. The only exception would be in case of laborers employed on the buildings for some length of time. I wish to state that during the five years that I have been in the service I have saved no money and am sorry that I did not get a larger salary so I could have spent more.

Now I am sorry that when I come to Kotzebue that I will not bring any tent stove etc as you recommend as I have invitations to share better quarters. Mr. Lopp told me that I was welcome to use the Kotzebue building at any time I was at Kotzebue or passing through Kotzebue. However my experiences in the hotel have not caused me sigh for repeating them. The first time I arrived I found all the rooms occupied by teachers, but also by missionaries who were using the Shungnak and other Government equipment. I was obliged to use the big loft but I expected to secure a room when one was vacated. Not so as soon as a teacher moved a missionary moved in and it was all made up in advance as who should have the best rooms. I did not get the use of the Shungnak equipment until these kind selfsacrificing Christians had been here for two months of my contract time. I also had the pleasure of ^{seeing} that the

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stoves, sloppails, and charterpots for the Jones layout, on another occasion. Dont think that I am liable to repeat the experiences of last summer in living in two open rooms with a very sick baby, and in being chased out by the Eskimo church. May May, Pauline.

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However, please do not forget that I recieved a very pleasant letter from Mrs. Nichols (the time the boy Harry John was down there) giving us an invitation to come down in the summer (last) and stay with yourselves.

If I come down I shall stay with some of the white men as they have treated me very well (and with comfort to ourselves) on two occasions.

The only drawback is that they get sore if I stop at any one place as the all want us.

I wish to state that I have no Fick coming concerning Mr Cox and his wife (for whom I have the greatest respect and regard), or to Mr. and Mrs Snowdon who could not have done more for us, or Mr. White who is a fine man and reasonable, or yourselves who were servants unto many.

Now as to yourself, Mrs. Nichols, Mr. Shields et al you are welcome to come and share the best we have for any reasonable time (we had Mr Hawkes worth for about a month), and NO PAY, or you can put up at the two stores. The miners, or the Natives. You may bring a stove, tent, etc if you wish.

In fact I am expecting you up early in the season, before the Kot zel rush begins. I was at Point Hope during two whaling seasons and know what means to look after the health of many natives when they are camping on the beach. I think that I would prefer to have you come at a different time next winter than Mr. Shields visit. Such a program would give me more time to talk with you, and also to talk with Shields at length.

We had a pleasant visit from Archdeacon Hoare and he will be with us several months shortly. He has arranged with Elaine to bring up the Church supplies. Mr Hoare has made some very particular inquiries among the natives concerning Devil Worship and I suppose he will take proper steps to give the natives some practical instructions concerning the same.

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(1) Haven't seen common sense enough to
that when a physician is living in the school
conditions are different than they were when they
did not have any one resident in the school house.

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Concerning Susie Broad, her hand has healed up, but it is more like a paw than like a hand, several bones were removed. She complains of a dull ache in her hand at all times. She says that she will go down in the Summer. On of her girls will die shortly- neglect, dirt, starvation. The little one born when you were here has developed a growth under the arm. Some natives say it broke a rib from a fall. I have made no examination as the child was out of the village.

A young man here has a very obscure sickness, He is very Yellow, pale thin, but eats well and sleeps well. He had a bad cough but that has ceased.

He gets the "Shakes", is often constipated. The general health of the village is good but young children about 3 years old have spells of vomiting fever, and loss of appetite. The other children seem to be thin, due to the lack of white man food this year. A great number of the Natives visited the Hot Springs for their Phumatism and came back "feeling fine".

I have the dining room turned into a hot house. I have a rack 5x9 ft. filled with nearly twenty kinds of seeds, most of which are growing. I have also constructed a cold frame for 3 stormsashes, and will set it up in a few weeks. This is the first step in showing the natives what can be done if they construct a village hot house. Natives want to be shown whether they come from Misoo or the Yobuk.

I have heard that Mr Cox has what is supposed to be a cancer on his face. I hope that this is just a rumor, as Mr. Cox certainly deserves a better fate. He was very kind and attentive when Tom George was there and died of cancer.

Tom Shea, and Asa Wilcox have left for the Koyukuk, Paul Primer has left for Candle so we have but a few Whites left.

With best regards to Mrs. Nichols and yourself from all of us, I remain respectfully your humble servant *Fred M. Sicker*

P.S. I am expecting some plants from the experiment Station. **COPY** **COPY** **COPY** ly open the packages, place the plants in good soil and water them until they can be sent up river. f.m.s.