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## IT CAN BE DONE

Some body said that it couldn't be done,

But he with a chuckle replied,

That 'maybe it couldn't,' but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried, he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh you'll never do that,

At least no one ever has done it."

But he took off his coat and took off his hat,

And the first thing he knew he'd begun it,

With the lift of his chin and a bit of a grin.

If any doubt rose he forbid it;

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be

Done

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you,

One by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle right in with a bit of a grin,

Then take off your coat and go to it.

Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That cannot be done and you'll do it!

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## SHAKTOOLIK

### THE COMING CITY OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT

Shaktoolik is situated forty miles north of Unalakleet, four miles inland, on the Shaktoolik river. It is surrounded by dense spruce timber to a depth of about half a mile on either side. This furnishes ample protection from the diverse winds, making every day a fine day at Shaktoolik. Travelers find this only too true at times, leaving the village in pleasant weather and arriving at the tundra to face a raging blizzard and many

times being forced to return. Needless to say stove wood abounds. The river is of excellent quality both for drinking and for washing purposes. In summer fish are plentiful. Ducks, geese, swans, and cranes are considered common nuisances on account of their numerousness and boldness.

In winter trapping is very profitable; some of the natives netting \$300 last winter. The situation makes both the tundra, and the mountains a short distance to the east, accessible. Trees of sufficient size for building purposes are plentiful.

A saw-mill is practically certain to be erected this year, a number of reliable natives guaranteeing the sum required. A large church is under construction. The natives are without exception industrious, peaceful self-professed christians.

The new school building is completed and can accommodate sixty pupils, in its two rooms. Evening school is offered to all adults who desire to expand their knowledge of English. The village is entirely free from the contamination prevalent in some localities due to the frequency of the lower class of whites. Shaktoolik is primarily a REINDEER village. Anyone owning deer belongs at Shaktoolik. Anyone who does not own deer should by all means get "wise" and help make Shaktoolik what it undoubtedly will soon be, the Metropolis of the Western District.

Very Truly,

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