

## Secrets of Polar Travel

**T**HIS book might well have been simply a fine-print appendix to Rear-Admiral Peary's "The North Pole," explaining the methods of travel and equipment by which he accomplished his monumental achievement of reaching the pole; and the incidents by which the value of his arrangements are here illustrated would have added further enlivenment to that volume. They do enliven this book, which otherwise has a minor interest to the casual reader. It will, however, be of extreme value to any one who may venture, hereafter, into the region of eternal ice, and will form a handbook for his guidance of the foremost authority. The chief lesson inculcated is that which has been so forcibly urged since by Asmundsen and especially by Steffanson, that health, comfort and success depend upon adopting the Eskimo clothing, food and methods of life, developed by the constant residence of the natives under the conditions every explorer must meet. The book is liberally illustrated.

*Secrets of Polar Travel*, by Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary. The Century Company. \$2.50.

## Rewriting the Revolution

**W**HEN the historians get thru with American history it will bear little resemblance to its old self. *The American Revolution in Our School Textbooks*, by Charles Altschul, is devoted to an intensive study of the chief texts in use today and those used twenty years ago with the object of showing that the present generation of voters has been brought up in practical ignorance of the fact that the leading English statesmen of the period took the side of the American colonies. Professor Shotwell, of Columbia University, contributes a preface. *The Unpopular History of the United States*, by Harris Dickson, is written to show that voluntary enlistment has always failed as a means for the creation of an efficient army. Most of his examples are drawn from the Revolutionary War and from the War of 1812, and the chief source of material is General Upton's "Military Policy of the United States." In fact the book is nothing but a summary and popularization of Upton's work.

*The American Revolution in Our School Textbooks*, by Charles Altschul. New York: Geo. H. Doran. \$1. *The Unpopular History of the United States*, by Harris Dickson. New York: Frederick A. Stokes. 75 cents.