

634 Foot Mountain at Gambell Has Many Colorful Names

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GAMBELL — It rained so much last summer like if it was

trying to melt off a few little spots of snow from last winter. Sometimes the snow comes along before all the snow is melted in some little valleys at

the mountain.

The mountain of 634 feet in height is set up so beautifully and sturdily with steep side of it facing the village and gradually lessen and lessen on the other side until it is down to the ground in the distance of some five miles.

And what many, many ancient names it has. Seems like every peak and valley there bear some important name of some important happening in ancient times.

Along the cliff side of it are

more camps of some tribes that had set them up with some whale bones. Even if there were no written language in Eskimo, those igloos and whale bones always tell some important head of a tribe.

And now our time, their descendants like to have them known as the places of the heros.

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Living in icy and frozen country takes pretty rough going. One has to know the ways just so or else it can be

very uncomfortable. But knowing how can bring pleasure, even in frozen land.

Some men are very busy building houses farther away from the village. They say they are like modern homes.

There have been many visitors come and go everytime the planes come this way. Some are for important meetings on land claims. And one was a doctor. He spent five days helping Bessie Kaningok, our health aide, with patients and

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doing all types of medical needs.

Sea foods get plentiful in fall on the island and it was the same again this year — at the shore — when the storms calm down.