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It is a rough life in the Alaska mining camps, full of deprivations and want of comfort, but many men of good education and accustomed to all the dainty comforts of our highly developed American civilization have gone there and have vied with the rougher sons of toil in the struggle for gold. Women, too, have courageously accompanied their husbands and have served to add refinement and consolation to the daily course of drudgery and solitude. The cabin in this picture looks quite inviting, and the groups of people certainly appear to be far from unhappy. The Klondike being a high plateau the climate is very salutary, although very hot during the day in summer and quite cold at night. But the summer days are very long owing to the high latitude (64 degrees), and as the long winter approaches people leave the district, since it is impossible to work the frozen ground in winter, even if people did not mind the great cold. The ground is found to be frozen only a few feet below the surface, even in July.