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 An then went back to sleep to woke up two hours after the stove went out and it was 30° ^{below} in the cabin and it was very difficult to get thing going again. The oil burner worked very good and I burned $\$5$ gals ¹⁰⁰ between February and August but did not burn the stove all that time. Most of the time in warm parts of the year you could wear a sweater and be comfortable. If you wanted to write or something you would warm it up to 60° or so.

On the mt. McKinley trip I was a dog musher and we got up to 8,000 ft., and we were above the lower icifall, and I really wanted to go on up to the top. We skied out behind the climbers and stayed at Wonder Lake while they were baring supplies and everything, and they were working pretty hard, and in the meantime were were going along as helpers as somebody to bring the dogs back after they were done. We didnt want to interfer with the commorads they were developing on this long a climb. We pretty much stayed by ourselves at by Wonder Lake we had some friends out there in ^a cabin. One time they were getting pretty tired because they were working hard so we were helping them take a load up and ^{we} were up there and we had all our own food and the weather was so good we fallowed ^{the trail} them up to 8000 feet. They made a ^{big} cache at 8200 feet above the lower ice fall and another at 10,500 feet just before the go ^{on} up to Kursten Ridge and then they made a camp at 12,800 ft. and then another camp at 14,500 ft. and that was their highest permanent camp. Everything was dog sledged out to 8,000 ft and then everything was carried up to 14,600 ft or whatever it was. Helicopters are not used for placing caches as the National Park is against aircraft in the Park. It is the general idea around the park that the climbers take up everything on the climb. We went with them in late march. Although it is much like winter they have 12 hours of light. That was the big difference. They were not worried about the weather as they were about making good time. Out of 6 people 4 made it to the top and one guy developed pulmonary edema, and another had to take him back to a lower altitude real quick. Above a certain altitude the recuperative powers to heal a wonder really fall off. The atmosphere bulges out a little at the equator and at 20,000 feet in Alaska is about 22,000 feet at the equator. and the air is thinner and there is less oxygen. It really