



Alfred de Quervain and members of the Swiss 1912 expedition before starting the first west-to-east traverse of the ice cap

Greenland 1912 / Bern 2022

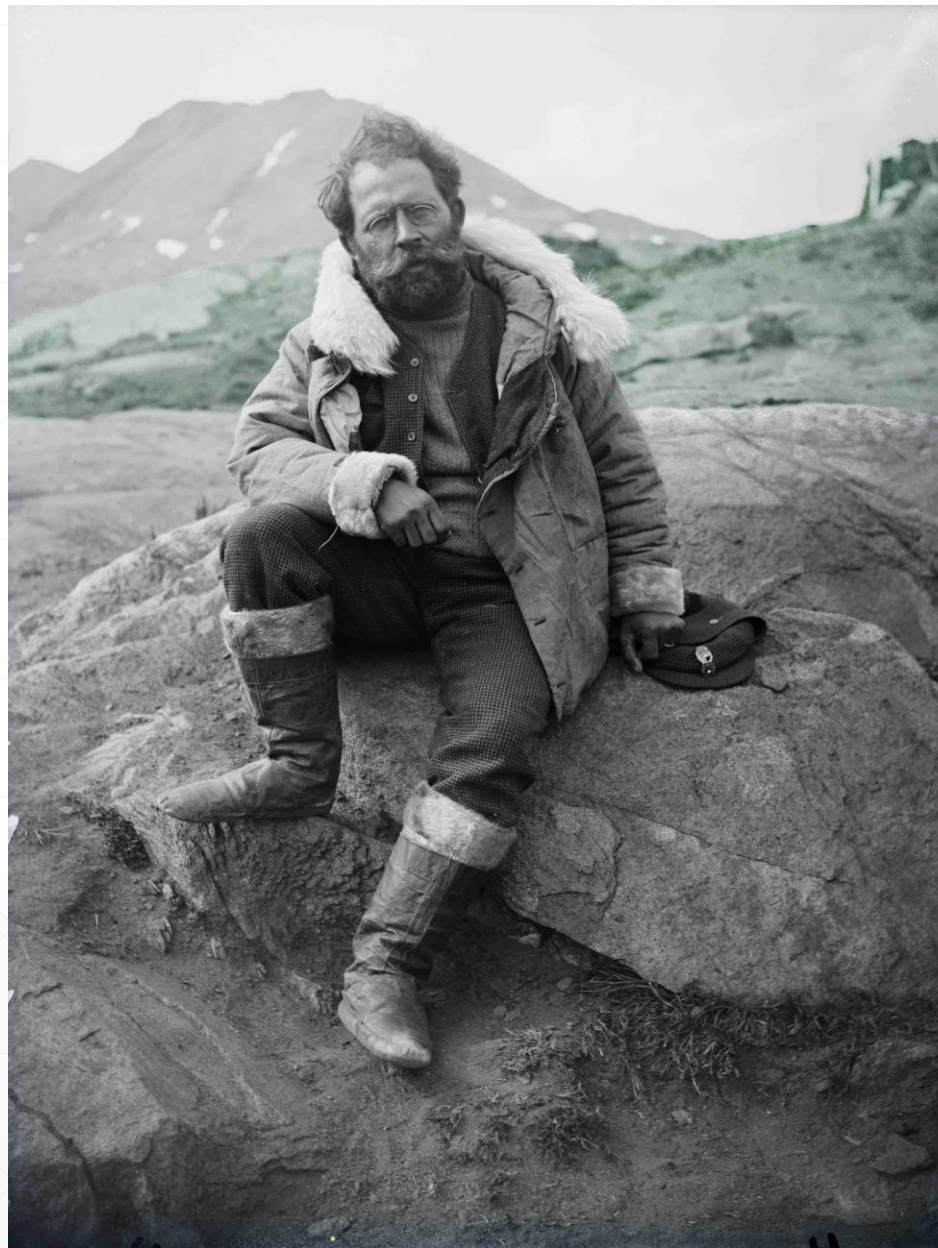
cold start...

Claridenfirn,
Canton Glarus,
April 2016: locus of
the world's longest
glacier time series*

*although we didn't know
that at the time



the instigator...



Alfred de
Quervain in
Greenland, on
his first visit,
summer 1909

the exhibition...



Greenland 1912 exhibition
at the Swiss National
Museum, Zurich,
6 February – 19 April 2020*

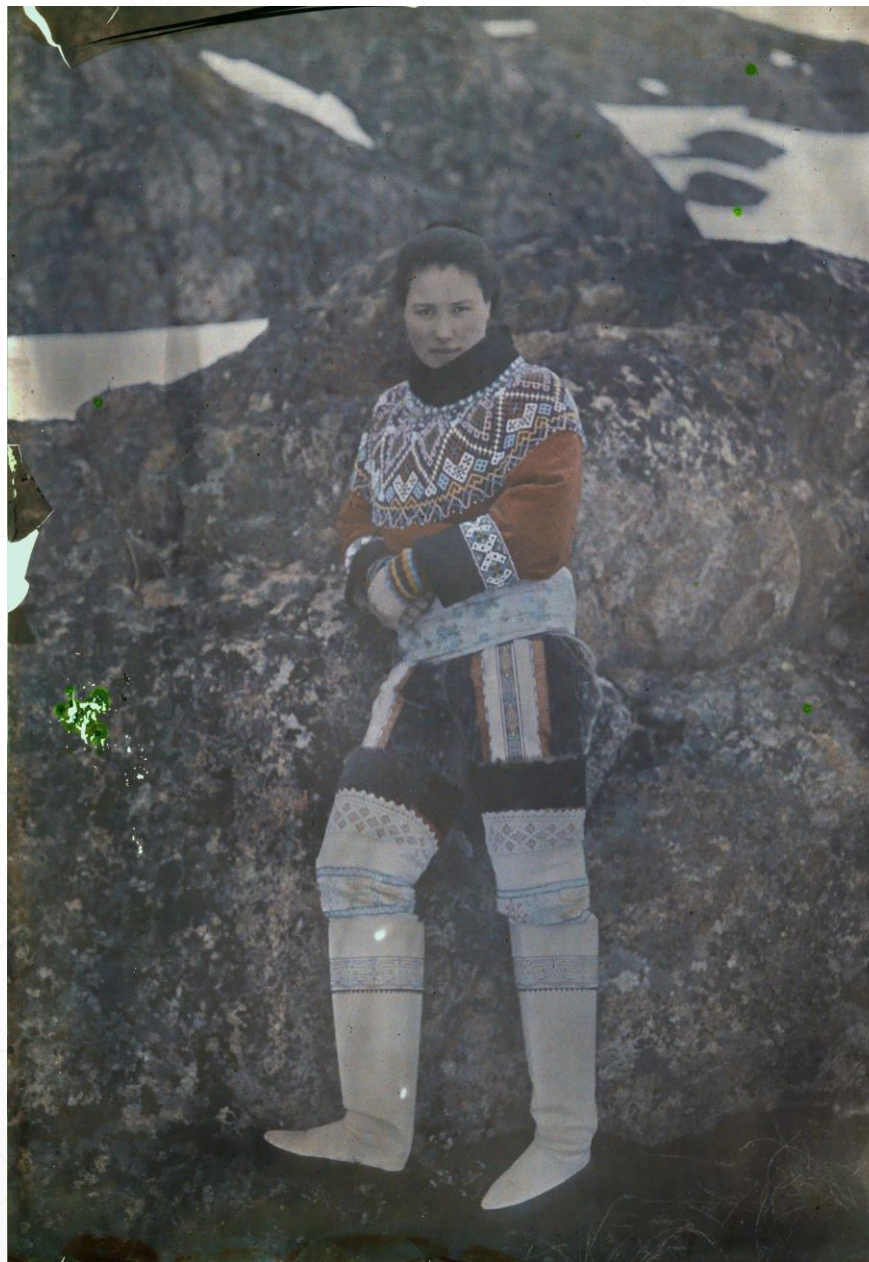
*no polar bears were harmed in the
course of this expedition

illustrations...

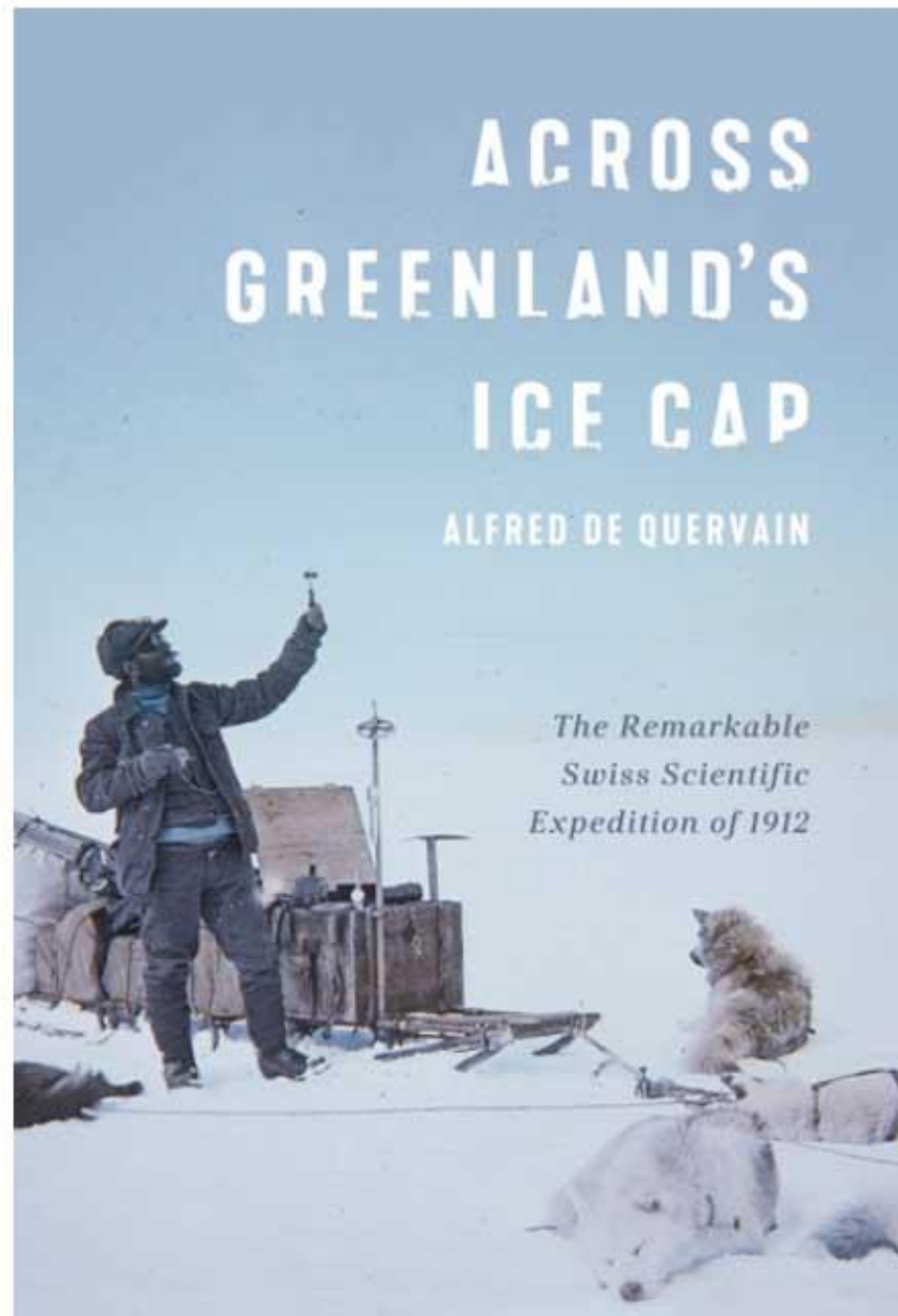
Ignér Ohlsen at
Sarfanguak, May/June
1912

Autochrome vs hand-
coloured glass slide

“Wilhelm Jost was also an
excellent colour
photographer, whose most
appreciative subjects were
the Holstensborg beauties
in their flamboyant
costumes...”



the book...



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Translation of *Quer durchs Grönlandeis*

An account of the remarkable Swiss scientific expedition of 1912

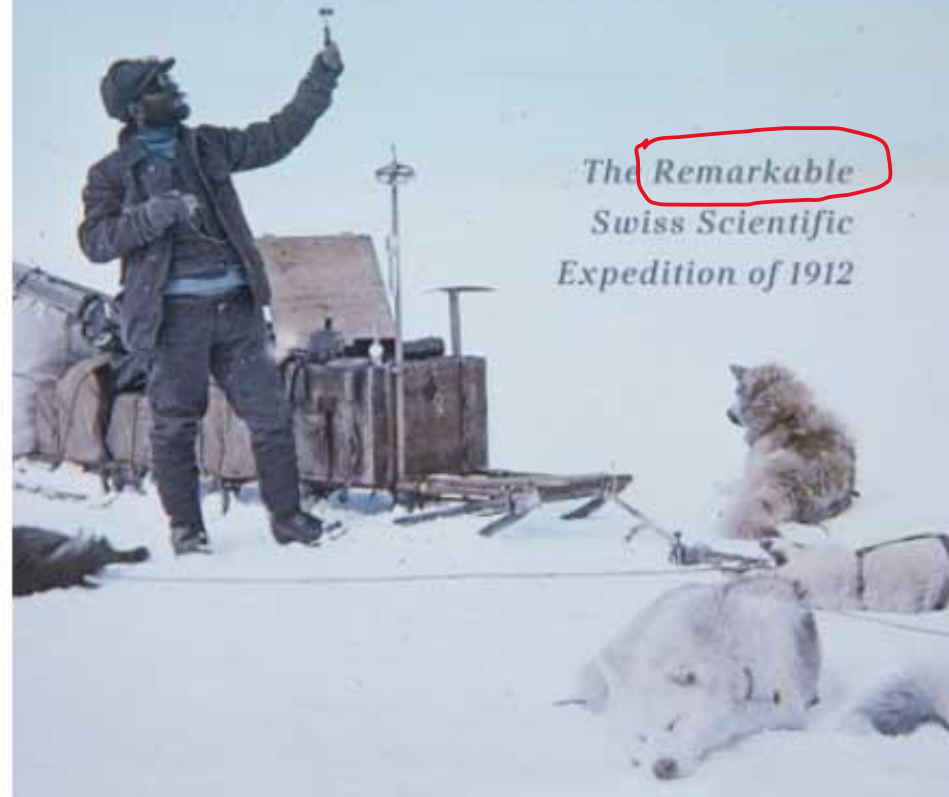
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ACROSS GREENLAND'S ICE CAP

ALFRED DE QUERVAIN

*The Remarkable
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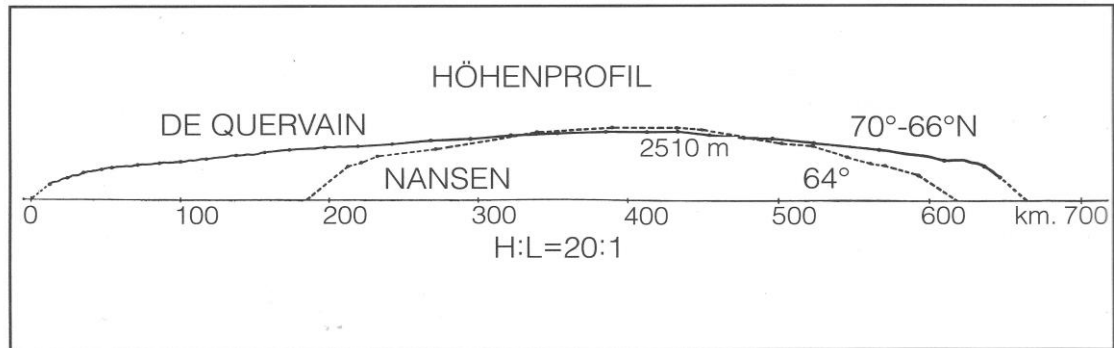


the legacy...

“We can be satisfied with
our scientific results....”

Alfred de Quervain,
Zurich, 7 October 1913

Höhenprofil der Durchquerung, 1912



the future...

Glacier lake on the Claridenfirn
August 2016

“Greenland is currently shedding its ice at a rate equivalent to losing more than twice the mass of all the glaciers in the European Alps every year”

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by Andreas Vieli and Martin Lüthi
in *Across Greenland's Ice Cap*

