## THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN.

But a change came after many generations; it grew colder; then they were in need of something to afford them warmth, and latterly to cook their food. So in order to give them fire, Nekilst-luss learned that all the fire was in the possession of a chief who lived on an island far out at sea. So donning his coat of feathers, he flew over to the island to get a supply. Seeing a brand with a nice glow on it, he picked it up in his beak and quickly flew over to the mainland. Before he got over a part of his beak was burned off. As soon as he reached the other side he let the brand fall among some sticks and stones, breaking it into sparks. As soon as these sparks fell on the sticks and stones they quickly absorbed the fire. So ever since whosoever strikes two of these stones together, they will give out the fire, also if any one rub two of the sticks together, they, too, will do the same. This is how the Hidery got fire.

## THE SCAMSUM AND MAMMA CHICKA.

Long ago, as I have said, the climate was warm, and at the same time the land was very moist, and consequently brought forth mosquitos of an enormous size. Their bites were terrible and deadly, many of the people dying from their bites. A sad cry went up to Ne-kilst-luss for relief. He heard their prayer, and sent the Scamsum (mosquito hawk), and gave him the mosquitos for food. This hawk was unable to eat them all. Seeing this, Ne-kilst-luss sent the Dragon Fly (mamma chicka), to help him. So there soon was relief from their tormentors; likewise, the climate growing colder, very much helped to do away with them.

The laws of evolution established by Ne-kilst-luss were immutable. So in course of time this Northern climate not only grew colder, but ice began to form, and snow deeply covered first the hill tops, then afterward, the lowlands. Finally the cold became so intense that they "had to move farther south. This they did, led by a woman whose name was Call-cah-jude (woman of the ice). They left in a body for a warmer home, where they lived for many generations. Afterward, when the climate again got warmer, they moved to Alaska and to Queen Charlotte's Islands.

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## AN ACCOUNT OF A GREAT FLOOD.

The same laws which brought the snow and ice brought also a terrible rush of water, which finally covered the whole earth, at least Hidery land. Thunder and lightning and rain which fell in torrents on the earth, quaked and rent it everywhere. Out of these rents came fire and water. The people, terribly afraid of the rising waters, made for their canoes and for the high mountain near Gumshend, Queen Charlotte's Islands, which

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