## THE BLACKFOOT LANGUAGE.

MovIsts = lodges.	'Oqkotokists = stones.
Sĭnaksĭsts = letters.	Tcĭstcĭkwĭsts = days.
Ponokamītaks $=$ horses.	Matûpĭks = peoples.

There are several nouns which have no plural, as :

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Napĭnoan = sugar.  $\hat{U}$ nĭkĭs = milk.

The Animate Nouns form the plural by adding ks, iks or sks to the singular, as:

Ponoka = deer.	Ponokaks = deer.
Nokos $=$ my child.	Nokosĭks = my children.
Mame $=$ a fish.	Mameks = fishes.

Inanimate Nouns form the plural by adding ts or sts to the singular, as:

Napyoyis	= a house.	Napyoyists $=$ houses.	
	= a potato.	Matakists $=$ potatoes.	
•	= his tooth.	Oqpekĭsts = his teeth.	

In the formation of the plural, before adding the terminations, sometimes a syllable is dropped, or there is a change or elision of one or two vowels or consonants, as:

Akio	= a woman.		= women.
	= a white man.	Napekwěks	= white men.
- ,			= moccasins.
Matsikin	= a moccasin.		· ·

CASE.

Case is the form in which a noun is used in order to show its relation to some other word in the sentence.

There are three cases in the language, nominative, possessive and accusative. The possessive case is formed by adding as a prefix the abbreviated forms of the possessive pronoun, as:

N, ni, nit and nits for the first person.

- K, ki, kit and kits for the second person.
- O, ot and ots for the third person.

Amo nĭtsapyoyĭs	===	this (is) my house.
Oma kotas		that (is) thy horse.
Sagkomapi otsinaksin	=	the boy, his book,-the boy's book

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