

from a comparison of the Aztec and Lesghian languages. These may be found operating to almost as great an extent in the Lesghian dialects among themselves :—

1. The Aztec combinations *tl*, *ntl*, are either rendered in Lesghian by the same sounds, or by *r* or *l*. In some cases in which phonetic decay has set in, the Aztec *tl* is either omitted or represented by a dental. The Lesghian occasionally renders the Aztec *l* and *tl* by *tl*.
2. The interchange of *p* and *m*, which appeared in comparing the Basque and the Lesghian, for the Aztec is deficient in the sound of *b*, characterizes a comparison of the Aztec with the Caucasian languages.
3. A similar interchange of *n* and *l*, or the ordinary equivalents of *l*, such as marked the Iroquois in comparison with the Basque, occasionally characterizes the relations of the Aztec and Caucasian tongues.
4. The Lesghian, as already indicated, persists in the rejection of initial vowels, and the same is generally true of reduplications and medial aspirates.
5. As in many Aztec words initial *t* forms no part of the root, but is a prosthetic particle, it finds no place in such cases in the corresponding Lesghian term.
6. The Lesghian occasionally strengthens a word by the insertion of medial *r* before a guttural, for which of course there can be no provision in Aztec.

I have not thought it desirable to burden this paper with laws relating to other changes, as the relation of the compared words will be sufficiently apparent ; but, for the purpose of illustration, I have added corresponding terms from other Khitan languages exemplifying the rules set forth.

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ENGLISH.	AZTEC.	PHONETIC CHANGE.	LESGHIAN.	ILLUSTRATIONS.
water	atl	ar al	htli	ur, <i>Basque</i>
low	tlatzintli	latzlli, latzli	tlukur	liuchtili, <i>Koriak</i>
day	tlacatl	lacall, lacari	tlyal, djekul	allochal, teluchtat, <i>Koriak</i>
knee	tlanqualtl	lancail, lancalr	tlon	zangar, <i>Basque</i>
deer	mazatl	mazal, mazar	mitli	ceconcor, <i>Quichua</i>
earth	tlalli	ralli, larri	ratli	mool, <i>Yuma</i>
night	tlalli	" "	retli, rahle	lurra, <i>Basque</i>
yesterday	yalhua	alhua	hutli	neillhe, <i>Choctaw</i>
ice	cetli	cel, cer	zer, zar	hooriz, <i>Dacotah</i>
wind	ehecatli	ehecal, ehecar	churli	kori, <i>Japanese</i>
sheep	ichecatli	ichecal, ichcar	klir	gygakel, <i>Koriak</i>
				achuri, <i>Basque</i>
				ccaora, <i>Aymara</i>