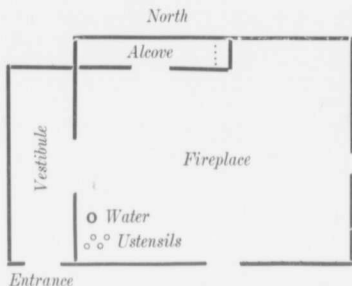


guests, and nobody will ever dream of installing himself there without a formal invitation".

Thereupon the good bishop gives of the whole a little plan which I take the liberty of reproducing.



Plan of an Aino Hut.

Our informant ends by stating that "the structure of these habitations is always the same, their dimensions alone vary. Identical orientation, uniform furniture, nothing is left to individual initiative and that all over the Aino territory".

Now, even the most careless observer ever so little familiar with the old dwellings of the Carriers and especially of their neighbors and congeners, the Babines, cannot fail to be struck with the many points of resemblance with those above described. The latter simply betray a higher degree of civilization, a step further away from savagery. The Babine or Carrier hut did not boast any sacred window or indeed any window at all; the alcove where the whole family, with the exception of the older children, retires at night was also wanting; but all the other particulars of the Aino home had their duplicates on the shores of our lakes.

Nay, even at the present day, the Babine houses have, as in Bishop Berlioz' plan, their vestibule or atrium where firewood is kept and the dogs await the good pleasure of their masters