

As to the rest of what we know about THE TRADITIONS OF THE WESTERN TRIBES an article by John Murdoch in the «American Naturalist» (July 1886) under the title of «a few legendary fragments from Point Barrow», must be greeted as the first attempt to procure the materials hardly to be dispensed with by the student of American archæology. The fragments treat of: (1) How people have their origin from a dog as one of their remote progenitors. The Eastern Eskimo refer this descent not to their own race but to that of the Indians and Europeans as children of the same couple. As for the question about the first intercourse with these races it will be interesting to know how far from Point Barrow this divergence of evidently the same ideas begins. — (2) Another account of the origin of human beings; this seems not to be known before. — (3) The origin of reindeer and fish; the first part of this is new, the other is also known in Greenland. — (4) Thunder and lightening. The Greenland version of this, mentioned by Crantz and Egede, is already almost sunk in oblivion, but I believe that a similar one is still popular in Baffin's Land. — (5) The story of Kokpausina. The authors' suggestions with regard to a relationship between this story and some Greenland tales are quite correct, we recognise 3 or 4 of its principal elements in the latter. — (6) A murder at Cape Smith, and (7) the people who talked like dogs, are said to be of more recent origin. — (8) The «house-country». The author's hints at its resemblance to the mysterious *Akilinek* of the Greenlanders and his added remarks on fabulous men and animals all perfectly agree with what I have been able to infer from the Greenland folklore.

According to A. Pinart, the Eskimo of Kadjak were at one time for a certain period subdued by the Koliushes and adopted some of their religious ideas. This gave rise to a sort of MIXED MYTHOLOGY, speaking of 5 heavens which the human soul had to pass after death before the real death took place, and they invoked the Eskimo «*hlam choua*» (Greenland: *silap*