

He (Ne-kilst-luss) sent to this chief and told him that the earth was now in a condition to receive more light, and for that purpose he wanted the contents of his three boxes. On no account would the old fellow part with them. So being determined to obtain them, he took the following means: This old chief had a daughter. So, in order to become one of the family, the better to gain the long-wished-for prize, he turned himself into the leaf of a spruce tree and floated on the water she drank, and was swallowed by her. In due season she gave birth to a son, who, of course, was Ne-kilst-luss. He rapidly grew up to be a fine, sturdy boy, and became, not only a great favorite with his grandfather, but a spoiled child. So much did the old man spoil him that he could not refuse him anything. Seeing this, the boy asked for one of the boxes to play with. This the old chief sternly refused to give. The boy, however, raised such a row in the family as only spoiled children can do. He gave the old man no peace. So, in desperation, he pointed to a box, saying, "Take that one, but be careful and do not break it." The boy, after rolling it about for some time, lifted it up and threw it on the floor and broke it open. He took it in his beak. It happened to be the sun he had gotten. Just as he was about to fly away with it he saw that the kinct or smoke hole was shut, but he called to some one, *Ah, ah, kinct, ah, kinct.* So soon as the kinct was opened he picked up the sun and placed it in the heavens, where it has been ever since giving light to the world.

Having got the sun, his next step was to get possession of the moon and stars. These he obtained in the following manner: Hearing that the chief had gone up Naas river in order to lay in a stock of small fish (*ooluchans*), and to enable him to see, had taken the other two boxes with him. Determined to get hold of, at least the moon, he prepared a small false one. Having got a canoe, he started up the river, to find Sittin-ki-juss, being anxious to get some of these fish, in order to have his canoe covered with scales, because he meant to make believe he was fishing likewise. Going along he saw a shag which he knew had an ooluchan in its stomach. In order to get the fish, he caused the shag and a sea gull to fight. This they did until the shag vomited up all the fish in its stomach. This was all that Ne-kilst-luss wanted. So he took and rubbed his hands and face, and canoe as well, with the fish scales. Having done so, he kept on up the river until he met the old man. When they met the chief asked him where he had been. To this Ne-kilst-luss replied: "I have, like yourself, been fishing; look at my canoe." "How did you see to fish in the dark? You have no moon." Ne-kilst-luss having all the time hid his moon under his feathers. "I have," he replied, letting out a little light, "one of my own, as good as yours." Sittin-ki-juss, seeing an-