

THE ESQUIMAUX.

When a person sees the Esquimau for the first time, in this country, they come to a hasty conclusion, and call them Indians. They have two reasons for this surmise. The first is their color, and the second their high cheek bones. If they are like the Indian in those two respects, then they are like the Fijis, South Sea Islanders, Maoris of New Zealand, Kanakas and Mongolians, as they are all copper colored and have high cheek bones; but there the resemblance ends with all those aboriginies, except the Mongolians, whom they resemble very much. We read in the works of Dr. John Kane, of Philadelphia (the great Arctic explorer), that, in his opinion, the Esquimaux originated from the Japanese race; and when we take into consideration their short stature, their small hands and feet, the peculiar growth of their beards, and their quiet, peaceable habits, we cannot see that they resemble any other race of people but the Japanese. When you put the two races side by side in numbers, as I have frequently seen them in Chicago, the likeness becomes pronounced. The supposition is that Japanese explorers must, at some far distant period, have landed on the coast of Greenland or Labrador, and there remained, laying the foundation for a race that has become distinct. The only thing that historians have not told us is where they get their language from—they having one of their