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NOTES ON AN
ETHNOGRAPHICAL COLLECTION FROM THE WEST COAST OF NORTH
AMERICA (MORE ESPECIALLY CALIFORNIA), HAWAII & TAHITI.
FORMED DURING THE VOYAGE OF CAPTAIN VANCOUVER
1790—1795.

AND NOW IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM

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(With Plate XV & XVI).

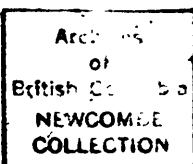
The collection of which the more important objects will be described in the following short notes was made by Mr. GEORGE GOODMAN HEWETT, Surgeon's First mate on VANCOUVER'S ship. It remained in the possession of the family until 1890, when it was acquired by Sir. A. W. FRANKS, by whom it was presented to the Christy collection in the British Museum. Some of the objects were soon afterwards exhibited at the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland by Mr. C. H. READ,¹⁾ who also published a paper upon them.

Mr. HEWETT'S Manuscript Catalogue is preserved in the British Museum, and by its means the localities of most specimens can be ascertained. Difficulties occasionally arise from peculiarities of orthography, from vagueness in the description of individual objects, and from the loss of the old labels. In addition to this Catalogue, Mr. READ was afforded an opportunity of examining Mr. HEWETT'S annotated copy of VANCOUVER'S "Voyage" round the World, but the marginal notes were found to contain little of ethnographic importance.

The object of the present notes is to supply something of a sequel to Mr. READ'S paper by figuring and describing many objects which he was compelled to pass over, together with one or two which were actually figured by him, but which deserve the fuller illustration which the pages of the Archiv afford.

The greater part of VANCOUVER'S time was spent on the North West Coast of America and at the Hawaiian Islands, from which places most of the collection was derived. These notes will however be chiefly confined to the objects which represent the Californian coast; for both as regards the Pacific Islands and the continent, North of the Columbia River, Mr. PRAETORIUS' admirable drawings may be left to speak almost entirely for themselves. The specimens which will be found on Plate XVI (Pacific) are interesting on account

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