

doing. Open your Skwail-box a little and I shall be able to see better." Sea-gull did as the other suggested, and slightly opened the lid of the box in which he kept the daylight. Skaukw continued, however, to hack away at his foot under pretense of taking the spines out, and presently Sea-gull cried out again. "It is your own fault if I hurt you," said Raven. "Why don't you give me more light? Here, let me have the box." Sea-gull gave him the box, cautioning him the while to be careful and not open the lid too wide. "All right," said Raven; and he opened the lid about half way. Then he made as if to continue his operation on Kwaietek's foot, but as soon as he turned round he swiftly threw the lid of the box wide open and all the Daylight rushed out at once and spread itself all over the world and could never be gathered again. When Kwaietek perceived what Skaukw had done, and that his precious Skwail was gone from him, he was greatly distressed and cried and wept bitterly and would not be comforted.

Thus it is that the sea-gulls to this day never cease to utter their plaintive cry of K'n-ni---i, K'n-ni---i.

MARRIAGE CUSTOMS.

The customs of primitive races, when compared with our own, are often very interesting. Some of the most interesting of these are their marriage customs. These differ in almost every settlement and tribe. Among some of the Salish tribes it was formerly the custom when a young man took a fancy to a girl and desired to make her his wife, to go to the house of the girl's parents and squat down with his blanket wrapped about him just inside the door. Here he was supposed to remain for four days and nights without eating or drinking. During this period no one of the girl's family takes the slightest notice of him. The only difference his presence makes in the house is to cause the parents to keep a bright fire burning all night. This is



Indian Girl.