

call him Sēmčá'čet. They pray to him, and thank him for food and fair weather, but they do not make any offerings. As a sign of their regard, they do not eat breakfast until he is high up in the sky.

The general prayer is the following :

â siá'm, âi kuá'tl k'ur yiha'lkatçuq a tén siálém, âi kuá'tl yitsetsauá'-  
Oh chief, good if you guide us the road, good if you have pity  
maçuq.  
upon us.

Evidently sun-worship is at the foundation of the religious ceremonies of the Salish tribes as well as of the Kwakiutl.

Among the mythical beings I may mention Qäls, the great wanderer, who transformed the beings which originally inhabited the earth into animals, and had many a remarkable adventure. He corresponds to Kanikila of the Kwakiutl, and some of the legends told by G. M. Dawson as referring to the latter are also told of him. At the same time he is considered the deity. The mink plays an important part in the mythology of this tribe, and many a legend refers to the fabulous thunder-bird and to the S'é'tl'kēi, the double-headed snake. Sickness is produced by the touch of the ghosts, who, according to the belief of the Snanaimuq, appear in the shape of owls. The sick are cured by the shamans, who do not use rattles in their incantations. Shamans acquire their art by encounters with spirits, for whose apparition the novice prepares himself by long-continued bathing in lakes and by rubbing the body with cedar twigs "to remove all bad smell."

I give here two traditions of the Snanaimuq which are of interest in a study of the diffusion of tales. The first has been recorded by A. Krause in Lynn Channel, Alaska, while the second is a peculiarly modified form of the well-known Tlingit legend of the origin of the daylight.

#### I.—THE MAN AND THE WHALE.

A harpooner went sealing every day. He had caught a great many seals, and returned home. Then he invited all his friends to dinner. When they had finished their meal, his wife descended to the beach, intending to clean the dishes, and to throw away the remains. She gathered her blanket around her, and went a few steps into the water to wash a seal-skin. Then, all of a sudden, a killer (*Delphinus orca*) appeared, took her on his back, and swam