

drowned. The following year the Humpback Salmon husband, accompanied by all the other fish, canoed up the river to the girl's old home at Lytton. As they neared the place two little river fish, the *teokteī'* and the *ni'nektein*, hastened on before and told the parents that their daughter was returning with the Coast fish. Everybody is delighted to hear the news, and the people paint their faces white and red to show their joy. The news of her arrival soon spreads far and wide, and the people of Nicola heard of it among the rest. Now at this place there were many notable men. Four of these, named respectively *Kōi'Ekin* (Wolverine), *N'Qoeni'ken* (Badger?), *Qua'kqōc* (Marten), and *Tcītē'q* (Weasel), determined to go down to Lytton and carry the girl off. They arrived during the night. When they got there a great gambling bout was going on in the *keekwilee*-house of the father of the girl. All the Fish people were there, as well as the chief's own friends. A big fire had been built to light up the house, that everybody might watch the game. The large crowd of people and the big fire made the house very warm. The daughter begins to feel the heat very trying. Presently she can stand it no longer, and asks to be allowed to go out and get some fresh air. She is permitted to pass, and climbs the notched pole that led through the smoke-hole. The four Nicola men are just outside, and have observed all that took place. They see the girl climbing the pole below them, and when her head appears at the opening *Tcītē'q* the Weasel makes a jump, and passes through her mouth into her stomach. The girl is unconscious of what has taken place, she only suddenly feels sick. When her head is out of the smoke-hole *Qua'kqōc* the Marten leaps into her mouth and passes into her stomach. The girl at this feels as if she were half dead, and hastens to get outside. But when she is partly out *N'Qoeni'ken* the Badger makes a leap, and passes also into her stomach. She is fainting now as she steps out from the hole; and when *Kōi'Ekin* the Wolverine follows his fellows and jumps into her stomach she falls down dead. A little later, when the others come out, they find her lying dead on the ground. Everybody is in great distress, and the greatest medicine-man of the district is called in to see if he can restore her to life again. He performs a great dance, but all to no purpose. The young woman remains dead. Other medicine-men now try their skill, but with no better success. They desist from their efforts to restore her, and next day they bury her. The party now breaks up, everybody being very sad. The Salmon and Coast fish return home again. The night following, the Nicola chiefs, who had caused her death in the way related, now restore her to life, and return with her to their own country. Here the young woman lives with them. In course of time a rumour of her presence among the Nicola tribe reaches her own people. Word is sent all round to all the camps and to all the Fish people of the coast. A meeting is convened at which war is declared by the Fish tribe against the Nicola people, who are all members of the Animal tribe. All the Coast fish, with *Hō'atl* the Sturgeon at their head, swarm up the Fraser to Nicola. In such numbers did they come that the upper river was too narrow and confined to hold them all. A fierce battle now takes place between the Fish of the Coast and the Animals of Nicola. The Animals came in from all parts to help their friends at Nicola, and after a bloody conflict the Fish are beaten, and great numbers of them are killed. Those that escaped from the fight are followed by the victorious Animals, and not one of them, except the mighty armoured Sturgeon, escapes to get back to the coast again. Even the great