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### HITTITES IN AMERICA.

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In a paper recently read before the Canadian Institute I set forth the radical unity of the Peruvian vocabulary with that of the Iroquois. This well known North American family might naturally be expected to connect with the Basques, since the Huron god Tawiscara and the tribe of the Tuscaroras preserve the Euskara name.\* The following table shews how valuable an adjunct to ethnological search mythological and tribal names are, and how great is the variety of words even under what are generally supposed to be the most unfavourable conditions. Judged by the vocabulary, there are few languages which exhibit relationship more perfectly than those widely separated tongues, the Basque and the Iroquois; and it must be remembered that their grammatical systems, while not agreeing in all points, are far from discordant, as has been proved by that distinguished Basque and Oriental scholar, M. Julien Vinson of Bayonne.

BASQUE.	WYANDOT-IROQUOIS.
all .....gucia	agwegough <i>Mohawk</i> .
basket .....otarra	atere <i>Iroquois</i> .
below .....beherra	karo "
bird .....choria	garioha "
blue .....urdima	horanhiahen <i>I.</i>
brother .....anaya	haenyeha <i>Wyandot</i> .
cloud .....edoya	odsadah <i>M.</i>

\* The permanence among uncivilized peoples of tribal and even of personal names is a doctrine that has not received the support which the evidence in its favour demands. It is well illustrated among the Hurons, as I have learned from "Historical Notes on the Environs of Quebec," written by my esteemed colleague, J. M. LeMoine, Esq. Many distinguished chiefs of the Lorette Hurons, from the time when Europeans first became acquainted with them, have borne the name Atsistari or Ahatsistari, *the fearless man*; and at the present day it is the Indian title of M. A. N. Montpetit, an honorary chief of the nation. This Ahatsistari is undoubtedly the Hasisadra of the Accadians, the Ashtar of the Khita, and the Haitor of the Basques. The Hittite proper name Ahashtari, which is that of the brother of Zohar, father of Ephron, who sold Machpelah to Abraham, is almost identical in form with the Huron Ahatsistari of to-day.

