

THE explanations of the following plates have been prepared by the assistants in the Ethnological Department, partly by Herr E. Krause, and partly by Dr. Grünwedel. The technical excellence of the workmanship is in a great degree owing to Dr. Reiss, who kindly placed his practised eye and the experience acquired in the publication of the splendid illustrated work by himself and Herr Stübel, at the service of the present undertaking.

The articles illustrated here belong to the first collection forwarded by our agents, which reached Berlin at the beginning of the year (January 3, 1882), and brought with them all the surprise of new discoveries in these unique productions of the north-west coast, which, it is true, had already indicated their ethnical character by sporadic representatives in museums, but now stood forth with all the impressiveness of reality, as hundreds and thousands of objects came to be arranged in long series, for a comprehensive comparison, such as is rarely furnished for ethnological study, even from tribes of easy access and long known. In all, six shipments have arrived, and more are still promised from the northern region, in which our indefatigable collector is still busy. At their exposition in the new Ethnological Museum, the aggregate of results obtained will give a basis and point the direction to future methodical researches; while in the preceding pages I have confined myself chiefly to retrospective notices of facts already mentioned in literature.

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