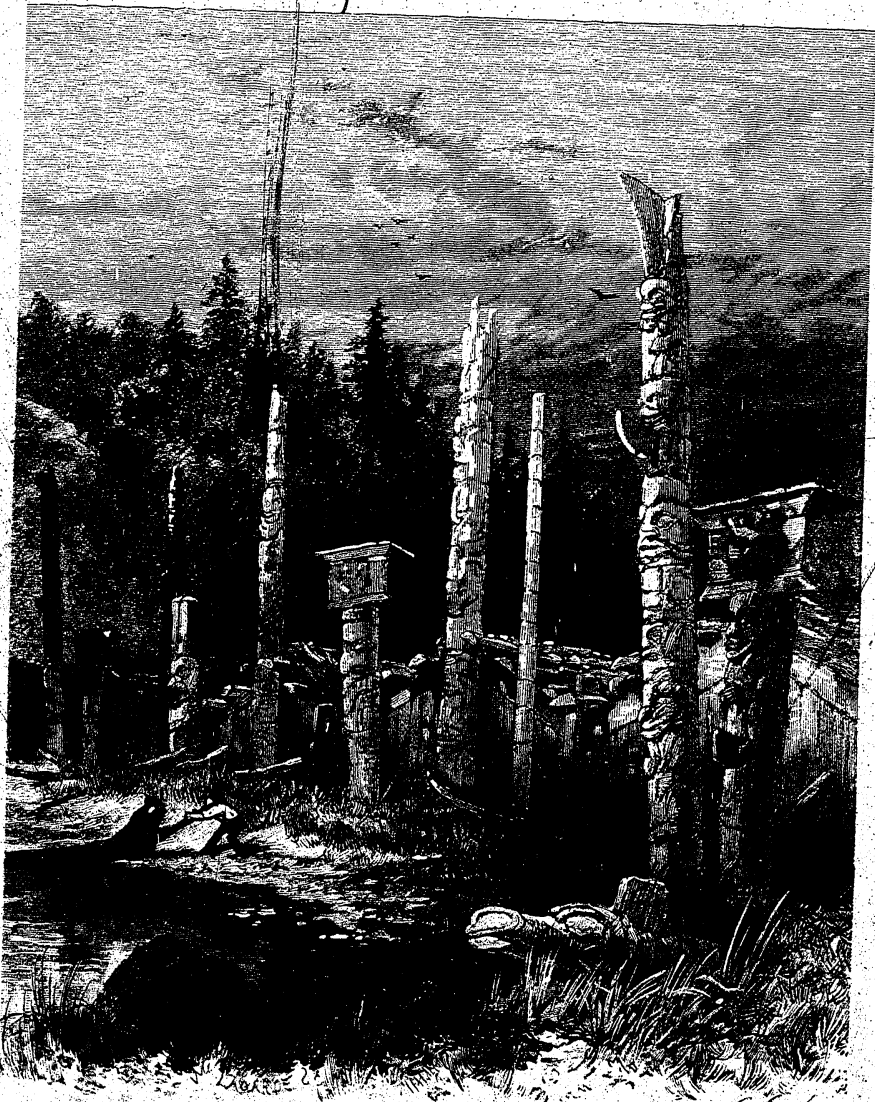


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A HAIDA VILLAGE.

THE HAIDAS.

LEAVING Victoria, Vancouver Island, on the 27th of May, 1878, in the little schooner *Wanderer*, of twenty tons burden, we steered northwestward for the Queen Charlotte Islands; and judging our craft not sufficiently sea-worthy for the rough outer coast of Vancouver Island, exposed to the full sweep of the great North Pacific, we were obliged to voyage by the inner channels and wonderful series of connecting fiords which character-

ize the coast of British Columbia, and ramify among its half-submerged mountain ranges.

Channels like these, however well adapted for steam navigation, and wonderfully picturesque and grand though they are, are tedious enough for sailing vessels. The wind blows generally either directly up or down the channel, shut in by its mountain walls, and what with calms and the rapid and constantly changing tidal current, we spent many a weary hour at anchor, or even retro-