

the index of mental ability, we have shown that the eagle-like tenant of his northern fastness was worthy of his eyrie. Again, will it appear that here on the confines of nations, in the same tomb the two great types of the human races, the dolicocephalic and the brachycephalic heads, were together embalmed.

When the Russians discovered the islands the Kamschatdale interpreters, who could speak the language of the Aleut group could not understand the dialect of the natives of the Fox Islands. To obtain their objects they resorted to the cunning device of utilizing the paternal affection of the chiefs. Under pretense of keeping the peace and insuring the tribute of seal skins, exacted by the Russian Government, they caused the sons of toygons, or chiefs, to be delivered to them as hostages. These they sent to Kamschatka to acquire the Russian language. The celerity and aptitude with which these boys learned to interpret went far to prove the natural intelligence of the people so more than barbarously treated by them as barbarians. As reward for their services they converted them as usual to Christianity, but piously took their skins; nor did they fail to appropriate their women, which, as "*ante Trojam fuit*," was always the cause of their wars with the Russians. Their hospitality, kindness, and indispensable aid to the invaders of their realm were devoted and unceasing, until deceived, as were other Indians by Cortes and Pizarro, by lust, and the "*auri sacra fames*."*

The existence of three languages, or perhaps dialects, may be inferred, for Coxe states, (page 264,) that the inhabitants of Unalaska were called Khigolaghi; those next eastward to Unimak were named Kighigusi, and those of Unimak and Alaxa, were styled Kalaghayekiki. In 1741 Bering sighted and Steller first landed on the American continent. (Coxe, page 277).

The Russians conquered Kamschatka in 1696, taking 45 years to discover the way from shore to shore. As the islands then were peopled, so in probability were their languages introduced, by the various tribes of refugees in quest of safety in flight, or as hunters of game from the shores of both continents, or as they mingled before the continents were cleft apart.

* Their phallic customs are more worthy of leniency than are the morbid abuses of other people.