EXPLANATION OF PLATE LXXI.

ULUS, OR WOMAN'S KNIVES, FROM KADIAK AND SOUTHWARD.

Fig. 1. WOMAN'S KNIFE (ULU). Large blade of slate inserted in a groove of the cylindrical handle of wood, and held in place by a lashing of braided sinew, which for some unknown reason is stretched beneath the handle from one lashing to the other. Length of blade. 5% inches.

Cat. No. 72540, U. S. N. M. Eskimo, Kadiak. Collected by W. J. Fisher.

Fig. 2. Woman's Knife (ulu). Blade of iron, crescent-shape, and handle of wood, the whole closely imitating those in use among civilized people for meat choppers. Length of handle, 64 inches.

Cat. No. 74362, U. S. N. M. Tlingit Indians, Sitka, Alaska, Collected by T. T. McLean

Fig. 3. Woman's Knife (ULU). Blade of slate. Handle wanting. Upon the upper margin of the blade is a tang 15 inches wide to render it firm in its handle. Width of blade, 61 inches.

Cat. No. 127726, U. S. N. M. Tlingit Indians of Fort Wrangle, Alaska. Collected by W. J. Fisher.