WHENCE CAME THE AMERICAN INDIANS

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Alaska that the Royal Academy of Science of St. Petersburg prepared the very satisfactory map in Muller's "Voyages," 1761, from their accounts.⁽⁴⁾ Coxe, Whymper, Dall and other authorities give abundant evidence of aboriginal trade and travel from the Anadyr to the Yukon and return. Gradually this northern Mongolian stock straggled through into America, and established fishing camps southward along the sea coast and eastward on the Yukon ; traveling along these lines of approach and food supply this stock furnished the populating element to the continent,-the Athapascans of the Yukon are represented by small tribes via Puget Sound and Oregon, in Arizona and The very conservative opinion of Dr. Brinton is that Mexico. "no reasonable doubt exists but that the Athapascans, Algonkins, Iroquois, Chakta-Muskokis and Nahuas all migrated from the north or west to the regions they cupied." (5) All main migration routes in the two Americas go south and east. This influx from Northern Asia brought the cemotic characteristics of the savage pre-Columbian tribes,-the bow and arrow, the spear and war-club, basket-making and the birch-bark canoe; it has been aptly called the Populating Immigration.

The Kuro shiwo, or black stream of the Japanese, flows eastward from the land of the Rising Sun, passes along the south shores of the Aleutians, and, reaching the coasts of America, sweeps southward past the fir-clad hills of Washington and Oregon to enter the westward flow of the northern equatorial current off the peninsula of Lower California. It is this great ocean highway that we must examine for evidence of civilized migration; here is a route over which; without compass or chart, the civilization of Asia may have reached America ; it has for countless centuries cast the wrecked and drifting East-Asian upon the shores of America from the outer Aleutians down to Mexico. One well-authenticated case illustrates the probability of the migration of civilization by this route In December, 1833, a Japanese junk was thrown ashore at Osette, on the coast of Washington, twenty miles south of Cape Flattery. Three mem-

(4) Voyages from Asia to America. Muller.
(5) The Myths of the New World, p. 47. Brinton.