

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INDIANS OF
THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST.**

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During the past summer, when visiting the North Pacific coast, I made a series of measurements of 263 Indians. The tribes included in this series occupy the coasts of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, and belong to many linguistic stocks. As the series is not sufficiently large to allow a separate treatment of the individuals of each tribe, I have grouped them together according to their former habitat and, to some extent, according to their mode of life, the tribes living on reservations being separated from those passing much of their time in the canoe. I have distinguished the following groups:

1. Southern Oregon, including principally tribes of Athapaskan affinity, but also a few Klamath, Shasta, etc. The northern limit of this group is situated at Euchre creek.
2. Central Oregon, including the tribes between Euchre creek and Umpqua river.
3. Northern Oregon, including the Yakonan and Salish tribes between Umpqua and Columbia rivers.
4. Columbians, including the tribes in the immediate neighborhood of Columbia river and in the lower Willamette valley.
5. Tribes of Washington, including the whole coast of Washington west of the Cascade Range.
6. Harrison Lake and Lillooet.
7. Vancouver Island.
8. The Bilqula, on the central part of the coast of British Columbia.
9. Tribes of British Columbia north of the last-named group.

Only a short series of measurements of each individual was taken, such as could be made by the removal of only a small portion of the clothing. Following is a list of the measurements: