

The publication of Mr. Horatio Hale's "Manual of the Chinook Jargon," (London, 1890), has again called attention to a very interesting subject. The state of this curious language, at two periods of its history, is there given. The jargon was thus constituted :

	1804.	1863.
Words from Nootka Indian Dialect	18	24
“ “ English	41	57
“ “ French	34	74
Chinook words	111	221
Onomatopœic	10	} 40
Of doubtful origin	38	
Words of Salish origin		39

The study of the Aryan element in the Chinook jargon may be taken up with great profit by those interested in the problems of the life and growth of language.

The investigation of the peculiar phonetic changes, cited above, must be left to another occasion, as must also the consideration of the Aryan element in the other dialects of North America and the languages of Central and South America.