

316. IS THE RADIX OF THE NOUN AND VERB GENERALLY A MONOSYLLABLE?—Can you furnish a vocabulary of one hundred specimens of the radical forms of verbs, nouns, or other primary parts of speech? It is suspected, from their capacity of concrete expression, that the North American languages are founded on a limited number of elementary roots, of a general or abstract character, which derive precision, not from radical changes of sound, but from relative position, permutation, elision, or expansion. The ear, and the ear alone, is manifestly the principal guide. The art, which a child early learns by practice, and which appears to require but little power, inductive analysis, it is conceived, may reach and explain.

317. WHAT IS THE STATE OF THEIR VOCABULARY?—Place the Indian opposite the English words in the following vocabulary. It is essential to the purposes of comparison that plurals and pronouns should be omitted, or carefully noted, wherever they are employed.

1. God.	42. Thigh.	83. Shoe.
2. Devil.	43. Knee.	84. Legging.
3. Angel.	44. Foot.	85. Coat.
4. Man.	45. Toe.	86. Shirt.
5. Woman.	46. Heel.	87. Breechcloth.
6. Boy.	47. Bone.	88. Sash.
7. Girl, or maid.	48. Heart.	89. Head-dress.
8. Virgin.	49. Liver.	90. Pipe.
9. Infant, or child.	50. Windpipe.	91. Wampum.
10. Father, my.	51. Stomach.	92. Tobacco.
11. Mother, "	52. Bladder.	93. Shot pouch.
12. Husband, "	53. Blood.	94. Sky.
13. Wife, "	54. Vein.	95. Heaven.
14. Son, "	55. Sinew.	96. Sun.
15. Daughter, "	56. Flesh.	97. Moon.
16. Brother, "	57. Skin.	98. Star.
17. Sister, "	58. Scat.	99. Day.
18. An Indian.	59. Ankle.	100. Night.
19. A white man.	60. Town.	101. Light.
20. Head.	61. House.	102. Darkness.
21. Hair.	62. Door.	103. Morning.
22. Face.	63. Lodge.	104. Evening.
23. Scalp.	64. Chief.	105. Mid-day.
24. Ear.	65. Warrior.	106. Mid-night.
25. Eye.	66. Friend.	107. Early.
26. Nose.	67. Enemy.	108. Late.
27. Mouth.	68. Kettle.	109. Spring.
28. Tongue.	69. Arrow.	110. Summer.
29. Tooth.	70. Bow.	111. Autumn.
30. Beard.	71. War-club.	112. Winter.
31. Neck.	72. Spear.	113. Year.
32. Arm.	73. Axe.	114. Wind.
33. Shoulder.	74. Gun.	115. Lightning.
34. Back.	75. Knife.	116. Thunder.
35. Hand.	76. Flint.	117. Rain.
36. Finger.	77. Tent.	118. Snow.
37. Nail.	78. Ship.	119. Hail.
38. Breast.	79. Sail.	120. Fire.
39. Body.	80. Mast.	121. Water.
40. Leg.	81. Oar.	122. Ice.
41. Navel.	82. Paddle.	123. Earth.