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ALASKAN SCHOOL CHILDREN.—These children are natives of Port Clarence, and when the photograph was taken they were en route to the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa. Although the natives are spoken of as Indians they are different from the red men of the United States in appearance, habits and customs. One can easily believe them to be of Japanese origin. They have a Mongolian cast of features, and, unlike our Indians, they are naturally intelligent with industrious habits, keen in trade, with good mechanical ideas and quick to learn, while some are very skillful in carving wood, bone and metal. Their greatest resemblance to ordinary Indians is their profound superstition. Some of their beliefs are really extraordinary.