

tation into America, and it will be the same as to American jadeite. It is also autochthonous. This might, in advance, be confidently asserted; how much more so now that the rough nephrite has been discovered.

"It was, indeed, long a matter of doubt, whether there occurred in America any nephrite implements, or whether all the so-called mineral from that continent was not jadeite. Both Prof. A. Arzruni, of Breslau, (*Zeitschrift für Ethnologie*, 1883, p. 172), and myself, arrived at the conclusion that there had not yet been produced any positive proof of the occurrence of nephrite in America. Since that date, Prof. Arzruni has been able to declare, with certainty, after microscopic examinations, that an axe from Venezuela was made of a nephrite of typical structure, (*Z. f. Eth., Ver.*, 1883, p. 528): 'It is the one in the Ethnological Museum in Berlin, from the Karsten collection, (1852), V. A. 25, on the catalogue.' Prof. Fischer had already made mention of this specimen in 1875 (*N. u. J.* p. 47, fig. 62), but could recognize it only as 'approaching a nephritoid composition.'

"I shall, therefore, be all the more justified in describing here two nephrite implements which Messrs. Arthur and Aurel Krause brought from the Thlinket Indians in south-east Alaska, and which in the 'Catalogue of the Ethnological Collection from the country of the Chukches and South-east Alaska,' by these two gentlemen (Supplement to part 4, Vol. V, of 'Deutschen Geographischen Blätter,' 1882) is thus described:—

No. 143. Small stone axe, named *tayëss*.*

No. 168. Battle-axe of nephrite, with wooden handle, named *kæt-oo'*. The sharpened stone is called *tzoo-ûta*, the handle, *â'-shak-tee*.

"The specimens belong to the Bremen Natural History collections and the director, Dr. Spengel, was so good as to trust them to me for examination, after Prof. Arzruni had kindly called my attention to their presence in this museum.

* This is probably Tai-i (Tyee of Gibbs' vocabulary), a Chinook jargon word, meaning 'chief' or 'chief's,' commonly used to denote anything especially valuable or of superior quality.—G. M. D.