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ome Results of Archæological Explora tions Embraced in the Jessup North Pacific Expedition—Indians Before Any White Man Visited the Pacific Shore -How the Time Is Determined by

The archaeological exploration undertaken in 1897 under the general scheme embraced in the Jesup North Pacific expedition has been completed, in so far as it extends to Lower British Columbia territory.

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Mr. Smith thinks he has determined pretty clearly the possibilities for his line of work afforded by Lower British Columbia or Vancouver country. As a result of his investigations, covering various periods during the past five years, he has collected a vast amount of material bearing upon the culture of Indiana

lected, a vast amount of material bearing upon the culture of Indians inhabiting the region perhaps five or six hundred years ago—certainly before the advent of any white man to the Pacific shores.

This material, classified so as to bring out constructively facts about the life of the peoples of which it is the only relic, has just been placed in a series of cases among the Indian collections in the north ground floor wing of the American Museum of Naturay History with interesting comment in cards and explanatory books. In connection teresting comment in cards and explanatory books. In connection with the exhibit the museum has published a memoir, entitled "Shell Heaps of the Lower Fraser River, British Columbia," the name of which brings attention at the outset to the curious but almost universal fact that the early dwellers upon this Continent perpetuated themselves by that which they discarded as worthless—camp refuse, broken utensils, and the like, and by their barlal customs. burial customs.

So in the work of Mr, Smith, now completed in the lower British Col-umbia shell heaps and about to extend to the border land of the United States, it is the intent to work so that the results in one place shall have definite relation to those in anhave definite relation to those in another, as determining whether the same tribe or tribes inhabited both or if different tribes the degree of their intermixture and relative predominance. In the present case, he proposes to begin work in the southerly and southeasterly part of Washington, preking over shell heaps, as the term is applied generally to refuse accumulations of the ally to refuse accumulations of the Indian villages, and to push north-ward to the point as a goal at which his British Columbia investiwhich his British Columbia investigations were stopped. Thus he will
be able to compare the tribes inhabting 500 or 600 years ago what is
now Washington and Oregon with
those then living in the Canadian
country, and will find out further
the virtual limits of each.
Two questions are natural at this
point—one, how is it known that the
Indians, studied by means of the
shell heaps, lived 500 years ago,
more or less, and the other, how one
can tell from the heaps, the onetime presence of s milar tribes. or

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mixture of dissimilar ones.

In the first respect Nature has come to the aid of the scientist and has furnished information, the veracity of which is beyond question. It is not an uncommon thing to find shell hears under the roots or stumps of great trees, and in fact, stumps of great trees, and in fact, in many cases the accumulations have been detected through the cutting down or uprooting of one of these giants of the northwestern forest. The record of the rings of the trees has been taken in various instances, and from this it has been determined that at least four or five determined that at least four or five hundred years must have elesince the last bit or rubbish must have elapsed bit or rubbish was thrown away.
"In one case which came under Mr.

Smith's notice over four hundred an nual rings were counted in a tree trunk four feet in diameter. cut from above the site of a shell heap nine feet deep; and experience in the rapidity with which such heaps accumulate among Indians now led to the almost sure conclusion that the heap in question was nearly five hundred years old. On another heap was the stump of a tree which measured 28 feet in circumference, and al-though the hollow log which had fallen from it precluded any count of rings, its diameter of 6 feet 7 inches

indicated great age.

The second question mentioned was provided with an answer by the Indians themselves. Obviously each tribe of Indians had a certain way of doing and making things, more of less distinct from that of other or less distinct from that of other tribes, according to the difference of environment and separation decreed by natural conditions. When shell heaps had been piled up, therefore, each heap contained the relics of its own tribe or tribes, and five hund-red or a thousand years later, if remaining for so long a period, told remaining for so long a period, told its distinctive story of habits and skill and means of sutsistence and desire for the beautiful.

But the story of the shell heaps is not for the mere curio hunter, if even such a one took the trouble to dig where an upturned tree or river bank or cut incidental to the con-struction of a new road showed a bit of tell-tale evidence. The results attained by Mr. Smith in the pres-ent instance have depended upon his arrangement of finds so that each might indicate its relation to the life of the Indians once using it, thus making a component part of the 'culture' of the people.

So, there is first the question of natural conditions under which the Indians lived—what materials they had to do with. These are shown first, by the inevitable stone imple-ments, and others of bone and anter bank or cut incidental to the con-

first, by the inevitable stone implements, and others of bone and anther horn. If foring from ordinary horn in that it either possessed some quality enabling it to withstand the action of water, or else proved unattractive to insects, for not a bit of the horn of mountain goats has been found, although the shell heaps

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contained many bones of those animals, and some skulls even, with the horn stumps intact. That the In-dians had and used copper in vari-ous ways is shown by evident copper stains on human bones and other material found. Their use of wood and skins is told only by the

wood and skins is told only by the implements they worked with.

The story of their diet is told by bone fishhooks, well made and carved; by spear and arrow heads, of both bone and stone, the former barbed in many instances, and by harpoon heads. The harpoons were of all kinds; on some, the rings cut near the base, showed that the use of the retrieving harpoon was not of the retrieving harpoon was not unknown in fishing for salmon or spearing seals, while others, elabor-ately carved, indicated that the an-cient hunter as well as the modern, took pride in the beauty of his wea-

pons.

Most of the carpenter work of these British Columbia Indians was done with wedges of stone and ant-ler, or with chiscle of stone set in anther handles. In the collection at the American Museum there is one of the latter, particularly perfect. It is a chisel of nephrite, about three inches long, and set in a handle of antler, of about the same length, the top of which is frayed and worn by

top of which is frayed and worn by many blows of the hammer. Another interesting specimen is a chisel blade in the process of making, rudely grooved by sandstone or some other grifty substance.

Labor implements of the women are illustrated by many objects—particularly awls and needles of bone, some of which, if in a sufficiently good state of preservation, would do for rough darning, or for "tapeneedles" even to-day. As a matter of fact, all the bone implements recovered have to be treated with the utmost care, for the bone substance has become so disintegrated by the decay of years that the substance has become so disintegrathed by the decay of years that the slightest force would be sufficient to break them. So when the explorer finds a bone needle, or awl or skin scraper, he does not clean it of the dirt or even examine it closely, but boxes it up rightly wrapped, so that it may dry slowly. When it is unpacked the bone has hardened sufficiently to allow a guick washing federally to allow a guick washing ficiently to allow a quick washing and such polishing as may be neces-sary before it is mounted. Various articles probably once used

for personal adornment have been found. Combs were undoubtedly in found. Combs were undoubtedly in use among the Indians of British Columbia five or six hundred years ago, but whether for decoration or toilet purposes does not appear. Copper nose rings and labrets or lip plugs are also among the collections, as are fragments of carved bone, curved and perforated so as to indi-cate use as bracelets.

In the British Columbia shell heaps some bones identified as those

of human beings and skeletons discovered in what appear to have been camp burial grounds near by give fair opportunity for judgment as to racial characteristics. On the basis of these it has been determined that in the Vancouver region at least there were two entirely distinct peoples living together, but whether in the relation of master and slave or on terms of equility is not known. on terms of equality is not known.
One type was characterized by extremely narrow skulls, more narrow than those of any other known peo-ple. The method of burial was sim-ilar to that of many Indians of the present time, the body being doubled up with chin to knees and laid upon its side.

Its side.

By way of general conclusion Mr. Smith gathers from his Vancouver studies that the "culture" of the Indians of hundreds of years ago was not in essentials unlike that of the Indians now inhabiting the region except that the influence of the interior tribes was more strongly felt then than now. This would seem to bear out the theory that the course of migration was from the country to the north and northeast, and of migration was from the country to the north and northeast, and would not be inconsistent with the Bogoras-Jochelson theory that the American Indians came first from Aslatic shores into Alaska, moved inland, and then soread out east and south and west to take up the unsetted country.—New York Times.

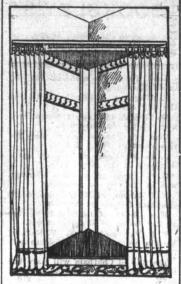
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CONVENIENT AND ORNAMENTAL.

draperies suspended in front of all. "handy" woman has constructed such a closet for herself. With a little more expense and the help of a carpenter a light, movable pine framework, with top and floor, can be made to fit into the corner of any room where it may be required. Besides being movable this has the added advantage of not marring the walls.-Good Housekeep-

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This does not, however, apply to the woman who has no children and who needs to kill time for a diversion. Such a woman could if it were neces sary cultivate some talent and be of material assistance to her husband and still have time for pleasures. But the woman who does her duty to

a growing family does her part and is pecuniarily independent.—American

The Uses of Lemons.

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