



Washing on the Creeks.

sion work is carried on at all these places. One of the best missions is at Metlakatilla, where Mr. Duncan has reserved the whole island for the Indians. The following incident shows that the Indian of the north is capable of civilization. The missionary's wife had trained a number of them to sing, but on one occasion the choir refused to either go to church or sing, without remuneration; the reason given for the strike was that the choristers in Victoria, so they were informed, received pay for their services, and they desired the same treatment.

The Indians are very fond of sleight of hand, and such tricks. A rather artificial whiteman undertook to satisfy this curiosity. He gathered them together into a little hall; the show began with song and dance; then, quick as a flash, his right eye was snatched from its socket; a few more

fantastic movements, and his teeth and gums dropped from his upper jaw; there he stood gaping with empty eye socket and mouth. The Indians started to go, he uttered a wild scream, whipped his knife from his belt, and with one stroke his scalp was off, and so were the panic-stricken redmen.

Skagway is the present port of entry to the Yukon; though a large amount of shipping goes round by St. Michaels, and up the lower river. In the boom days Skagway was a remarkable City; but now it is like a deserted village; and the soldiers are to be removed as soon as the new frontier camp at Haines' Mission is completed. Skagway has a splendid water system; the reservoir is a mountain lake, fed by a glacier, thousands of feet above the town. The town has been the scene of many ex-