

A glance at the grouping of these islands is important to our purpose. 1st. At the northwest of the semi-circular girdle are Behrings Island and Copper Island, where large outcroppings of copper indicate an abundant mine of the metal, and possibly point to a line of copper vein from the shores of Lake Superior over the region of the Coppermine Country in Alaska to this deposit. We may remark in passing, that it is surprising that with this free surface deposit of copper at this locality, no copper implements have been discovered among the relics of the old Aleuts.

2nd. Say SE. are the Aleutian Islands proper, viz: Attak, Semitski, and Shemiya, W. NW. to E. SE.

3d. Then, NE. some six islands, the Andreanofski group, or *Ostrova*, meaning islands, and

4th. The Lyssie Ostrova, or Fox Island, stretching SE. and N. by E. almost to the Alaska promontory, and the last discovered at the epoch now alluded to.

This last important group contains Umnak, Ounal-askka, or Aghunalaskka, the principal depot of the Alaska Commercial Company, with St. Paul and St. George further to the north, and also the barren deserted isle, one of the "Four Craters" or Kagamil. In a cave of this island, a bold, bluff, mid-ocean, storm-lashed in its arctic clime, but yet still seething and steaming with solfataras, and volcanic heat, is the Mausoleum of our Aleut Chief and all his family. Here we meet him and his progeny on a desolate fragment of the ruptured territory which once united the two great continents—the monumental stone of the ruin not only of the land but the division of unnumbered peoples. Imagination may picture, but cannot surpass the grandeur of the truth. Another division of the Aleutians is:

I. The Kaniagnuts, and II. The Aleuts. III. The "Vaygeli," or Spectral Outlaws. These are supposed to be the original inhabitants who disdained any outside authority, refused to be converted to Christianity, and consequently live, if such really exist, as independent natives or banditti in the interior inaccessible mountains.

The Vaygeli may possibly be only the predatory animals which come at night and carry off the islanders' provisions. But the mythical or legendary belief of the natives points distinctly to ancestral sagas which have been orally handed down to them from generation to generation. We may infer either an extinct prehistoric race with which the present family has no lineal descents, or we may refer the legend to the earliest progenitors of present tribal groups.

As regards our present mummies they are undoubtedly too recent, whether we allow them 120 years, or about 340, according to Captain C. L. Lüneuski, to consider them in the light of *prehistoric* remains, or concede to them Mr. Dall's distinction of "Remains of Later Prehistoric Man" Capt. Lüneuski has been a resident of the Aleut Isles for many years, connected with the Alaska Commercial Company. He antedates our mummies many years to the Russian discovery and conquest of the islands. His intelligent studies predicated in part