

DIVORCE.

When the husband is no longer satisfied with his wife he leaves her, and she returns home to her family. Her uncle then demands payment from the man for the use of his niece, and the amount varies according to the number of children born. The charge is generally twenty dollars for the woman herself, and ten dollars for each child. The children are taken charge of by the wife's mother and father, and no further trouble is given to the parents. Healthy men and women each have their own work to perform, and are able to earn their own food and clothing, consequently a woman is just as well circumstanced if not better without being married. Should the wife desert the husband, the man waits until she marries again, and afterwards he takes another woman home to be his wife, without being liable to pay the fine. The property belonging to the husband remains his own during his married life, and the woman's property remains her own whether living with her husband or not.

DISKS.

The women are very fond of ornaments for the neck, hand and head, and each village has a native jeweller. The best and most skilled of all the native jewellers on the North Pacific Coast is the nephew of the old Chief Edenshaw. Edenshaw was the first who attempted to work with silver and gold, and he succeeded remarkably well. The jewellers make from half-dollar and dollar silver coins, and also from gold coins, bracelets, finger rings, earrings and bangles. The coins are beaten out to the desired thickness and width, and then bent into shape and carved. Some of the bracelets fasten with clasps, while others retain their shape by the natural spring of the metal. The finger rings are sometimes not joined after being bent. They are made both plain and ornamental, and sometimes an eagle or two hearts are carved on them.

EARRINGS.

Earrings are worn principally by the younger portion of the female sex, and are all manufactured by the jeweller of the tribe after the fashion of those worn by the English ladies. The ears of the old women are pierced in two and three places, and pieces of bone and wood about one inch in length, a quarter of an inch wide, and a sixteenth of an inch thick, were formerly inserted and worn continually.

NOSE RINGS.

Nose rings are still worn among the Haidas. These rings give the wearers an uncanny appearance. The lobe of the nose is pierced, and a piece of whalebone carved into a semicircular shape