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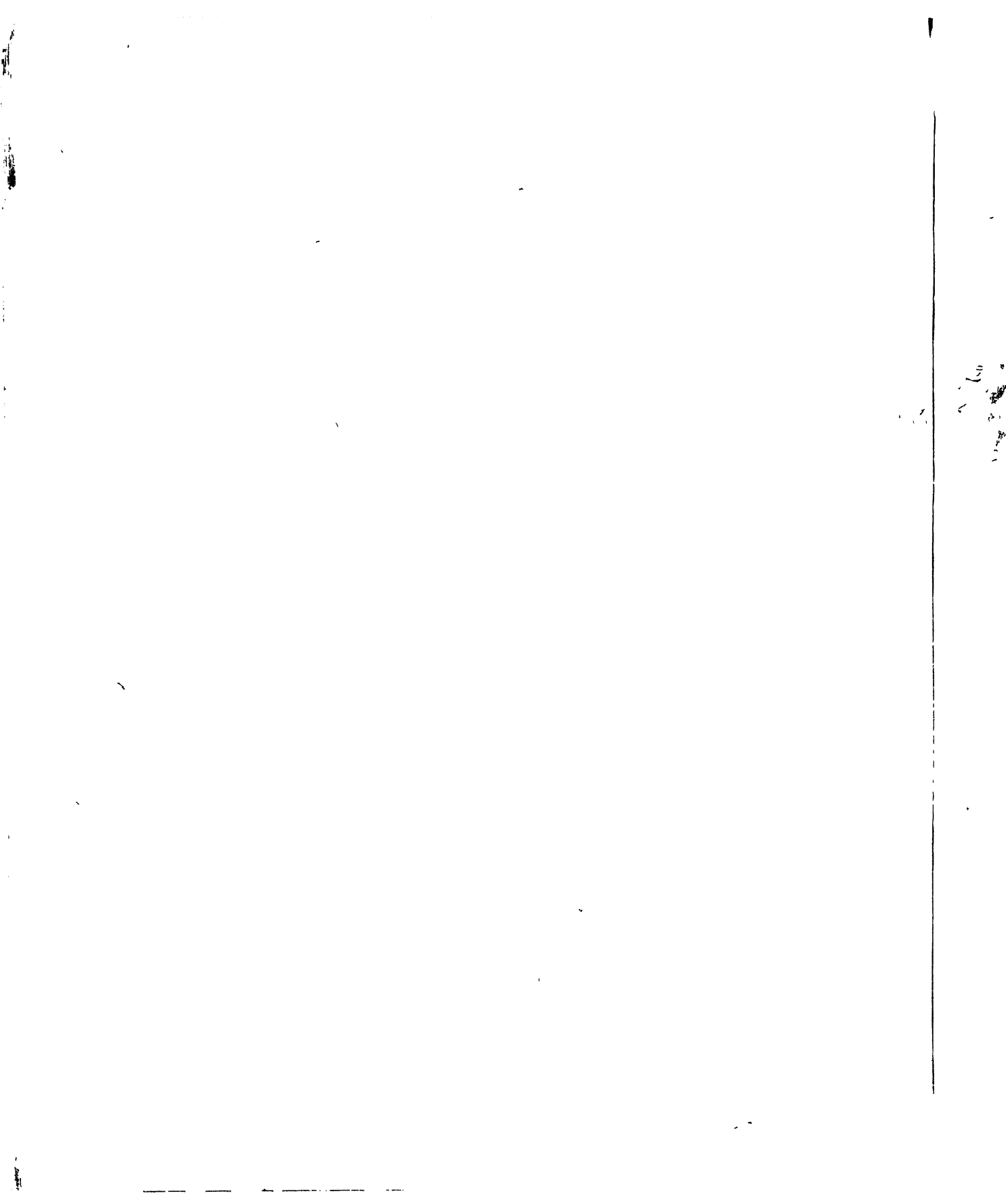
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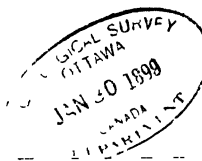
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II — THE MYTHOLOGY OF THE BELLA COOLA INDIANS

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I

The Bella Coola are a small tribe inhabiting the coasts of Deep Inlet and Bentinck Arm, two long and narrow fiords situated in about latitude 52° north, in British Columbia. Their habitat extends along Bella Coola River, which empties into North Bentinck Arm. The name "Bella Coola" is a corruption of the word 'Bilxula,' by which name the tribe is known to the Kwakiutl. There is no term in their own language embracing all the tribes speaking the Bella Coola language. It seems that at a former time the tribe was quite populous, but, owing to various epidemics and the introduction of other diseases, its numbers have dwindled down so that at the present time it has been reduced to only a few hundred souls. The language spoken by the tribe belongs to the Salishan family, more particularly to the group of dialects spoken along the coasts of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The great similarity between the Bella Coola and the other Coast-Salishan dialects leads me to assume that at one time the tribes speaking these dialects inhabited contiguous areas. At the present time the Bella Coola are separated from other tribes speaking Salishan languages by a considerable stretch of country which is inhabited by tribes of Athapascan and Kwakiutl lineage. Vocabulary and grammar have been highly modified, particularly by an extensive elision of vowels. The relation of their language to the other dialects of the Coast Salish is similar to that of the Tillamook, another language belonging to the Salishan family, which is spoken on the coast of Oregon, in an area separated from the rest of the Salishan territory by the district inhabited by the Chinook.

Physically the Bella Coola bear evidence of long-continued contact with the northern Coast tribes and also with the Athapascan tribes of the interior. Evidently intermarriages have been quite frequent so much so that their present physical appearance differs considerably from that of the southern Salishan tribes, of whom they form a branch. The same is true in regard to their customs and beliefs which differ fundamentally from those of the southern Salishan tribes.

In the present paper I shall describe the mythology of the Bella Coola and discuss its development.

II

Our previous knowledge of the mythology of this tribe is based on studies made by Adrian Jacobsen, Philip Jacobsen, Goeken, and the writer. In 1886 I published a few brief notes on their traditions.¹ Goeken pub-

Verhandlungen der Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte. 1886, p. 206.

lished some remarks on the religious life of the Bella Coola in 1886¹ which, however, contain so many misconceptions that they cannot be used to advantage. At the same time I published a brief description of the tribe, based on information received from a small group of members of the tribe who were travelling in Germany. In this description also there are a number of misconceptions. The Indians were shown a collection of masks from Vancouver Island with which they were not familiar. They gave, however, explanations of these masks judging by the similarity to masks of their own tribe, consequently the explanations given there are not correct.² In 1890 I fell in with a number of Bella Coola who were fishing for salmon in Fraser River. The information obtained from them was published in the reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, 1891.³ A Jacobsen published a description of their ceremonies in 1891.⁴ Philip Jacobsen described some of their traditions and customs in 1894 and 1895.⁵ I published a collection of traditions in 1894 and 1895.⁶

III

All the collections which have been made heretofore do not bring out clearly the principal characteristic of the mythology of the Bella Coola. The tribes of the North Pacific coast consider the Sun as the most important deity, but at the same time they believe in a great many beings of supernatural power. For this reason their whole mythology is very unsystematic. The Bella Coola on the other hand have developed a peculiar mythology, in which a number of supernatural beings have been co-ordinated. A system has been evolved which justifies our terming the supernatural beings "deities." The general features of this system are as follows:—

The Bella Coola believe that there are five worlds one above another. The middle one is our own world, the earth. Above it are spanned two heavens, while below it there are two underworlds. In the upper heaven resides the supreme deity, a woman who intercedes comparatively little with the fates of mankind. In the centre of the lower heaven, that is in the zenith, stands the house of the gods, in which reside the Sun and all the other deities. Our own earth is an island swimming in the ocean. The underworld is inhabited by the ghosts who are at liberty to return to heaven whence they may be sent down again to our earth. The ghosts

¹Original Mittheilung, aus dem königlichen Museum für Völkerkunde, Berlin, 1886, pp. 183-186.

²*Ibid.*, pp. 177-182.

³Seven's Report of the Committee on the Northwestern Tribes of Canada, pp. 218. Report of the 61st Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, held at Cardiff, 1891, pp. 498-449.

⁴Verhandlungen der Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte, 1891, pp. 383-395.

⁵Amer. Indskrift afvisen af Svenska Sällskapet för Antropologi och Etnologi, 1894, pp. 187-202, 1895, pp. 1-23.

⁶Verhandlungen der Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte, 1894, pp. 281-366, 1895, pp. 189-195.

who die a second death sink to the lowest world, from which there is no return.

The upper heaven is called *Atsá'axi*, or *Snuxtok'a'ls ti Sónx t'ax*, or *Sónxaur*, *Omq'ó'mkilik*. The deity ruling there is a woman who is called *Qamá'its*, or *Tsi sísnaaxi* (our woman²) or *Ek'u'yak imtóisii* ('afraid of nothing').

This heaven is described as a prairie without any trees. It is said that in order to reach it one must go up the river from the house of the gods in the lower heaven. In another tradition it is said that in travelling from the lower heaven to the upper heaven one has to pass the rent in the sky which is called *Tsiná'lotas ti Sónx t'ax*. The house of the supreme deity stands in the far east and a gale is continually blowing over the open country, driving every thing towards the entrance of her house. Near the house, however it is calm. In front of the house stands a post in the shape of a large winged monster and its mouth is the entrance to the house. In front of the house-door there is gravel of three colors,—blue, black, and white. Behind the house is a salt-water pond in which the goddess bathes. In this pond lives the *s'isul* or *tsaltsalo'sem*. This being sometimes descends to our world. Wherever it moves, the rocks burst, and slide down the sides of the mountains. It is described as a snake or a fish (see pp 44, 66).

In the beginning of the world the mountains were of great height. They were human beings who made the world uninhabitable. *Qamá'its* made war upon the mountains. She vanquished them and made them smaller than they used to be. During this fight she broke off the nose of the mountain *Yúvule'mi* which is situated near *Nur'ti'*. Its face may be recognized even now, and the Indians say that when its name is called, it answers. There are two mountains near the head-waters of Bella Coola River. The one is called *Stextekoa'ti*, the other one *Na'axi*. The former had a fire called *Snutuknimsta* burning in his house. This fire warned him of the approach of enemies. When *Qamá'its* made war upon the mountains the fire warned its master. *Qamá'its* was coming down the river in her canoe which is named *I'kun*. When she approached he broke her canoe and she returned to heaven. The canoe has been transformed into stone and may be seen to this day at the foot of the mountain *Stextekoa'ti*. It is said that *Qamá'its* visits the earth every now and then. Her visits cause sickness and death. She is described as a great warrior.

In the centre of the lower heaven which is called *Sónx* stands the house of the gods. This house is named *Nusmi'ta* (the House of Myths) or *Nusk'outna'xsti* (where man was created) or *Nusk'ainn'msta* (the house from which people come down) or *Nusq'ou'xsti* (the house to which people go). In front of the house stands a post called *Nur'ne'kta*. It is painted with representations of all kinds of birds. A

the House of Myths, but who has given up his place in favor of SENX and ARKUNTA'M. These two might be called the rulers of mankind. In most traditions they are described as trying to destroy man, notwithstanding the fact that they are considered the creators of mankind. This peculiar characteristic of these deities is clearly brought out in the traditions recorded on pp 78 ff. In one legend which I collected in 1890 ARKUNTA'M's mother NUNUSOMIK CĒQONAM is described as a Cannibal who inserts her long snout in the ears of man, and sucks out his brain. Eventually she was transformed into the mosquito.¹ I did not hear her mentioned as one of the deities residing in the House of Myths. According to the same tradition the salmon were obtained by a man who gambled with ARKUNTA'M, the stake being the salmon. ARKUNTA'M lost, and the man took the salmon down from heaven. Another legend of the origin of the salmon is recorded on p 78 where it is told how the birds obtained the salmon. According to still another tradition (p 94) the Raven obtained the salmon by marrying a salmon girl. In the tradition quoted above ARKUNTA'M also gives to man the power to cure disease by means of the water of life which the shaman sprinkles on the sick person.

A number of interior deities live in the House of Myths. They might be called the assistants of the principal deities. In order to understand their functions it is necessary to state that the deities residing in the House of Myths have particular charge of the religious winter ceremony of the Bella Coola which is called KŪ'SIUT and which corresponds to the TSCĀ'QA of the Kwakiutl. I have described this ceremonial and its importance in the social life of the Kwakiutl in another paper.² The KŪ'SIUT is of equal importance to an understanding of the social life and mythology of the Bella Coola. It is sufficient to say at this place that the ceremonials performed during the KŪ'SIUT are mostly dramatic representations of myths referring to the various deities particularly to those of the House of Myths. Therefore masks representing these deities are used in the ceremonials. Plates VII to XII show a series of these masks. Figs 1, 2, and 4 (Plate VII) are SENX, ARKUNTA'M and SNŪRKULXA'LS. The functions of many of the interior deities seem to refer solely to the KŪ'SIUT. These deities and their functions are as follows: SIXSEKILUX (Plate VII Fig 6) ordains the death of man and animals. According to one statement that I received there are four deities of this name in the House of Myths. It is his particular duty to kill those who transgress the laws of the KŪ'SIUT. This deity is mentioned by Jacobsen who calls him 'Sek-seik Killar'. NUSNE'NEQ ILS (Plate VII Fig 7) or the SNENE'IQ of the House of Myths sits by himself in one

¹Verhandlungen der Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte 1894 p 293
 Report of the U. S. National Museum 73 p 311-35

²Drawings by Mr. Ku'lopi' Wiser

³Verhandlungen der Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte 1891 p 355

corner of the house. He prevents those who are not initiated in the secrets of the kũ'siut from approaching the house. The Sn̄nc̄e'iq is a fabulous monster, the peculiarities of which are described in a number of traditions (see pp. 83 ff.). S'anōi'x mura'lt (Plate VII, Figs. 12 and 13) is a boy who performs kũ'siut dances all the time. When the deities resolve to send a new dance down to our world, it is conveyed by S'anōi'x mura'lt. It is the office of another deity to sing accompanying the kũ'siut dances of the gods (Plate VII, Fig. 3). Anuqat'ō'tsr̄m is a deity in regard to whose functions I have not been able to obtain detailed information. It is said that he intervenes on behalf of man when S̄n̄x and At'k'unta'm threaten to punish him. There are two goddesses in the house who also intervene in favor of man when the principal deities threaten him with death and sickness. Their names are Sn̄tsma'na (Plate VII, Fig. 9) and Aiarilā'ava (Plate VII, Figs. 10 and 11). They wake man after sleep. Without their help, nobody could wake from sleep. Aiarilā'ava is at the same time the guardian of the moon. Every month she restores the moon to her full size, and she cleans her face after an eclipse. The moon is called A'ni'arigila (Plate X, Fig. 10). The eclipse is produced by several deities called Aiq'oa'yosnem which means "painting the face black" (Plate X, Figs. 4-6). It is believed that at this time the moon performs one of the most sacred ceremonies of the kũ'siut which are thought to be very dangerous to the performer. The black paint with which her face is covered is supposed to be a protection against these dangers. Aiarilā'ava cleans off the paint after the dance has been completed. According to Jacobsen¹ the Indians say that during an eclipse the moon (En-kla-loi'-killa) paints her face black. The same deities are believed to paint and to clean the faces of human kũ'siut dancers. Sn̄tsma'na and Aiarilā'ava also resuscitate those who are killed by the dangerous performances of the kũ'siut.

While the functions² of the beings enumerated here are mostly concerned with the kũ'siut others are more immediately concerned with the affairs of the world. Important among these is K̄x̄cx̄ck ne'm (Plate VII, Fig. 5). S̄n̄x is the creator of man, but his work is supplemented by that of the god K̄x̄cx̄ck ne'm. When S̄n̄x creates a new-born child, K̄x̄cx̄ck ne'm gives the child its individual features. Before children are born, the goddess named Nuexq̄m̄l̄sa'x or S̄m̄yem̄'lt̄stas S̄n̄x̄ilā'oi'eti places them in a cradle and rocks them. After she ceases rocking them the children are sent down to our world. She also rocks the young of all animals and when she stops S̄n̄x sends them down to our world to be born. At the same time he ordains that their skins and their flesh shall serve for clothing and food for man. Nuexq̄m̄l̄sa'x might therefore be called the deity

¹ *Verhandlungen der Anthropolog. Ethn. Gesellsch. in Berlin*, 1894, p. 112.

having charge of the birth of all animal beings. While she is rocking the cradle, she sings —

voesvoesmaix nimoti nekoks 11 noext'e miltux in nu in nu
 Avotsesk ox its six ixotawink tets its snemnek 11 towasits wawa
 sovonsouts in in in nu

Another deity living in the House of Myths is the mother of flowers, called Nonō'osqa (Plate X Figs 7 and 9) the daughter of Snukpa'nits. It seems that this last name means "going to the right". This evidently refers to the fact that the Sun is believed to move on his path towards the west, face forward, and consequently during the spring months ascends the sky moving towards the right, so that Snukpa'nits moving to the right means at the same time the springtime when the sun is moving up the sky. This is the time when flowers begin to sprout. Every spring Nonō'osqa gives birth to all the plants in the order in which they begin to appear. A shaman is called to her aid by two old women who assist her (Plate X Figs 8 and 11).

Every year at the time of the winter solstice the deities determine who shall die during the ensuing year. Two beings called Kakeksa'or ola xma'noas are placed on the ends of a long plank which is supported at its centre and swings like a seesaw. Then all the men and all the animals are called to stand near the ends of the plank. When one of the swinging beings falls down from the plank the person standing near it will die sooner than the one standing at the opposite end. The deities have a messenger called Nutsi koa'lsika (that means "long ear") who carries all the news from our earth up to the House of Myths. Arkunta'm has two children — the deer who is called Snoo'li xits Arkunta'm that is "the foolish son of Arkunta'm" (Plate VII Fig 8) and t'axonix's Arkunta'm. I have not been able to learn any thing in regard to the functions of these two beings.

While Sinx and Arkunta'm are principally concerned with the fates of mankind they do not personally interfere with the doings of man. Their thoughts are carried out by four brothers who are called collectively Mis-misla'mix or Oatsk'entimim (Plate VIII Figs 1-4). These brothers are Mui ipa'fatsck ("the one who finishes his work by chopping once"), Yula'timot ("the one who finishes his work by rubbing once"), Mui ip'e'xock ("the one who finishes his work by cutting once"), and Iitru'lik. They have a sister called t'iqimeiks. These four brothers live in an elevated room in the rear of the House of Myths. They are engaged in carving and painting. It is said that they gave man his arts. They taught him to build canoes to make boxes to build houses, and to carve in wood and to

sign of the salmon-berry blossom. At'mak has the shape of a kingfisher and t'etsa'aple'ana is painted with the design of a sea-ho' bladder filled with grease. She wears rings of red and white cedar-bark. The carving representing the kingfisher has the wings attached to the sides of the head, while the tail rises over the forehead. Xemnem'ala or la is said to carry a small woman in his arms. Her name is Nuspo'ata. When the brothers and their sister threaten to do harm to man, she entreats them to desist. In some traditions these deities are described as the children of Alk'unta'm¹.

In one tradition t'etsa'aple'ana is described as visiting houses and stealing provisions. She is then pursued by the person whom she has wronged and returns to the House of Myths. The deities are unable to cure her, but the person who wounded her is called in, and withdraws his arrow whereupon she recovers. Formerly I had the impression that these ten deities were particularly concerned with the sisau'k ceremonial, but this impression has not been substantiated by the information I received during the past year. The ten deities appear much rather as deities of the ku'siut.

In the rear of the House of Myths there is a room named flosta in which the son of the deities lives. His name is Ba'xorla or Snupa'xorla't. When Sinx and At'k'unt'm desire to destroy their visitors they send them past the door of Ba'xorla's room. The latter then rushes out of his room and devours the visitors. He also imitates the Cannibal. According to the tradition of the tribe Si'nx'it'inx they acquired membership in the Cannibal Society in the following manner. Ba'xorla came down to the mountain Sqst where he met with the son of Sinxalo'illa the first of the tribe. He conducted him up to the House of Myths. He took him into his room and gave him the name Qoalau'tstimot. He put a snake into his body which enabled him to pass through the water. When the youth applied his mouth to the body of a person the snake tore pieces of flesh from the body and devoured it. Then Ba'xorla took the youth to the upper heaven past the rent in the sky and to the house of the supreme deity Qam'its. The two approached the house, being blown towards it by the strong gale prevailing in the open country of the upper heaven. They found Qam'its sitting in front of her house, and she said to Ba'xorla:

Why do you come in? You wish that your friend should obtain great supernatural power. Bring him to my house and I will give him what you desire. Stay for a short while where you are and I will show you what I am doing. Watch closely when the post of my house closes its eyes.

After a little while the post closed its eyes. It grew dark at once and the two visitors fainted, but soon they recovered. When the post opened its eyes again it grew light. The visitors remained sitting on the ground and

¹Verbal record of the same description. An. B. p. 20. Ethnologue, n. 1, description 124, p. 24.
See also Boas, n. 1, n. 2, Western Tribes of Columbia, p. 6.

suddenly a strong wind began to blow, which rolled them over the prairie until they reached the door of the house. Then suddenly the wind calmed down. They remained sitting on the ground near the doorway, and Qama'its said: "Watch closely when the post of my house closes its eyes." They were sitting opposite each other, watching the post, and when it closed its eyes they were transformed into two stones, but they soon regained human shape. Then Qama'its asked them to enter. Now the woman took the youth's blanket, and gave him another one made of bear-skin set with fringes of red cedar-bark. She told him that this blanket was to keep him warm, and that it would direct his course. Next she fetched some water from the salt-water pond behind her house. She sprinkled it over the faces of her visitors, and told the youth to sing about his experiences in the upper heaven when performing the Cannibal dance. If she had not sprinkled the faces of her visitors with water, they would have died. She said to the youth,

Your country is not far away. Do not be afraid of the dangerous road that you have to pass. Later on there shall be many Cannibals like you. Do not be afraid to touch the food that another Cannibal may offer to you. You are strong because you have seen me." Then Qama'its sent him back to the lower sky. Here the gods placed him on the back of a bird (Sqsxin) which carried him down to the sea. As soon as the bird reached the water it uttered its cry, and at the same time the young man uttered the cry of the Cannibal. The people heard it and said to one another: "That must be the boy whom we lost some time ago." They connected many canoes by means of planks and paddled out to the place where the bird was swimming about. They covered the canoes with red cedar-bark and eagle-down, and tried to capture the youth, but when they approached, the bird swam towards the village. They surrounded it with their canoes, but the bird flew up, and disappeared in the sky, and at the same time the youth flew towards the village. When the people landed, he attacked them taking hold of their arms, and the snake which was still in his body, tore pieces of flesh out of their arms. The people sing and beat time in order to appease him.

In a second room in the rear of the House of Myths next to that of the Cannibal lives Koko'srxim, another son of the deities. His room is called Nuso'lxsta. He initiates the Olx-dancer (see Chap. VI).

The path of the Sun is guarded by a number of deities. At sunrise is stationed the Bear of Heaven, Sniuo's tri Sonx tairx (Plate X Fig. 2). He is described as a fierce warrior who protects the Sun against the attacks of his enemies, and he is the cause of the warlike spirit of man. His hair is tied up in a knot on top of his head. His mask is used in the sisauk

ceremonial, and sometimes ~~off~~ the ká'siut. The following song belongs to his mask and dance.

Náméotseut ti qovaki mist ux. Nonq iwexam ts en t'ivot'hat'ix iyati
 sninōs ti sonx t'ux wá nín at'

('Now' is though you hid left me' I shall tie up my hair warriors like
 the Bear of Heaven)

At sunset stands an enormous post which is called Nutcexoa'axtatás ti Sónx t'ax. It supports the sky and prevents the Sun from falling down into the lower world. The trail of the Sun is described as a bridge which was built by Masmalá'nix. The bridge is as broad as the distance between the winter solstice and the summer solstice. The Sun walks, his face turned towards the west. In summer he walks on the right-hand side of the bridge in winter on the left-hand side of the bridge, which explains the varying heights of the sun in the course of the year. The extreme right and extreme left of the bridge are called Se'émnt ('the place where he sits down that is the solstices'). At each of these points a being is placed who is called Atk'x'el'mm (Plate X Fig. 3). It is their duty to see that the Sun does not tarry too long at the solstice. If in summer or winter he should be inclined to stay too long or, to return too soon they regulate his course. When the Sun tarries too long at the winter solstice, the people say 'éx tsés pa'nri (salmon will be dried late this year). If he leaves it without tarrying, they say 'ek 'x tsés pa'nri' (soon we shall dry salmon). Three guardians named Naquimqá'otsaix (Plate X, Fig. 1) accompany the Sun on his course dancing around him all the time. The halo is called Itwu'xtsia ti Mání t'ax (the cape of our father). A sun-dog that appears westward from the Sun is called Atqóit ti Mání t'ax ('the painted face of our father'). The Bella Coola believe that when it drops down to our earth it causes epidemics. During an eclipse the Sun is believed to lose his torch. The rays of the Sun are his eyelashes.

There are twenty-four guardians appointed to take care of the sky. They are called Nexolak'ax. According to tradition the sky must be continually fed with firewood. Once upon a time they put too much firewood into the sky and made it burst. All the pieces except one called Sai-walo's'em fell down to our earth. The fragments hit the faces of the twenty-four guardians and distorted them. They tried to mend the sky but did not know how to do it. They went down the river and came to Masmalá'nix whose assistance they asked. Masmalá'nix gathered up the broken pieces and glued them together. Up to that time the Sun hid stud in the east, but now he began to go on his daily course. At that time Masmalá'nix built the bridge over which the Sun travels every day. He placed a wedge in the opening of the sky, into which the Nexolak'ax

have to put the firewood. This opening is called Kawa'urasta, that is, 'mouth kept open by means of a wedge.' Masmasalá'nix spoke "The sky shall not burst again. This wedge shall keep its mouth open." The following kú'siut song refers to these deities —

Aimuts ti mntsi-ñi túsx-ts ti sōnx tsq i t'ax
 Aic'x'ti mntsi-ñi ñi ti S'iwalo'seims ti sōnx t'ux
 Sk'a v'ix tux ti sil'ñō t'ī mntsi-ñi
 Sk'i ingga w'ē fēme x ti K'iwamstisk ti sōnx t'ux t'ā amts'ax

(My child perished like the sky when it broke
 Go to S'iwalo'seims of the sky my child!
 Gladden my heart my child!
 Sit down in the mouth of the sky my child!)

Our world is called A'neko'ol or Qenki'ist, that is, "the land below." It is an island swimming in the boundless ocean. In the far east a giant is sitting with legs apart who is called Alēp'ala'cnaix. He holds a long stone bar in his outstretched hands. The earth is fastened to this stone bar by means of two stone ropes. Sometimes he gets tired and moves his hands to take better hold of the stone bar. Then we have an earthquake and the Bella Coola say, "Snēnik'pstak imto's" that is 'he takes hold of our world.' When he moves our earth westward, we have epidemics. When he moves it eastward, all sickness disappears.

In the ocean lives a being called S'ūsats who twice every day swallows the water of the sea and gives it forth again. This is the cause of the tides. A mask representing this being appears in the kú'siut ceremonial. He is represented as a human being, the face of which is painted with white stripes which symbolize the various levels of the sea.

The world below us is the country of the ghosts (koik'LOLE'mx). It is called Asuta'nem. Descriptions of the ghosts' country are principally obtained from shamans who believe they have visited that country during a trance. According to the statement of an old woman who believed that as a little girl she had visited the country of the ghosts during a trance the entrance to the country of the ghosts is through a hole situated in each house between the doorway and the fireplace. The country of the ghosts stretches along the sandy banks of a large river. There is a hill behind their village the base of which is covered with sharp stones. When it is summer here it is winter there. When it is night here, it is day there. The ghosts do not walk on their feet but on their heads. Their language is different from the one spoken on earth. The souls on reaching the lower world receive new names. The village of the ghosts is said to be surrounded by a fence. They have a dancing-house in which they perform

their kū'siut. It is just below the burial-place of each village. The dancing-house is very large and long. It has four fires. The women stay on the floor of the house, while the men sit on an elevated platform. The houses have doors but the ghosts who first reach the lower world enter the house through the smoke-hole. A rope ladder placed in the smoke-hole facilitates their entrance. Two men stand at the foot of the ladder. They are called Anoet assara'n. For a person who has once entered the dancing-house there is no return to our earth. The souls are at liberty to return to the lower heaven, which they reach by ascending the rope ladder. Those who return to the lower heaven are sent back to our earth by the deities to be born as children in the same family to which they belonged. Those who enjoy life in the country of the ghosts and who do not return to heaven, die a second death, and then sink to the second lower world from which there is no return.

I received another description from an old man. He stated that he reached the country in his canoe. He saw two trails,—one the trail of the living, one that of the dead. He followed the trail of the dead, and reached a village in which there was a dancing-house. The language of the ghosts differed from that of the living (see p. 42).

The Bella Coola believe that in the far west is situated the land of the salmon, which is called M'it'loa. The salmon leave this country early in the spring every year and ascend the rivers. They are believed to return to their own country in the fall. The following tradition is of importance explaining the manner in which the salmon were first brought from their country to the rivers of our world.—

Once upon a time a man named Winw'na lived at Qo'mqatis. One day he was sitting in front of his house looking at the river. He thought, "I wish fish would ascend this river." At that time a single salmon visited Bella Coola River. Winw'na entered his house and lay down thinking about the salmon. One night while he was asleep he dreamt that with the help of all the animals he had made war upon the salmon that he had vanquished them and that since that time the salmon had ascended Bella Coola River. When he awoke he invited all the animals to his house and told them about his dream. They all came and when they had entered he shut the door. Then he spoke, "My brothers, I have invited you to my house that you may hear what I wish to do. You shall help me to obtain what I desire." The Mink asked him in what they were to assist him and he replied, "I want to go to M'it'loa. There is not a single fish in our river and I dreamt that with your help I vanquished the fish. Let us make war upon them. I shall certainly take some slaves and we will place them in this river." Mink retorted, "I am glad that you are speaking

in regard to this matter I asked my father the Sun (see Chap V) to give us salmon, and I think he gave you the dream which you told us.

All the birds agreed and they resolved to start as soon as possible. Then Winwina asked Masmasahnik to build a canoe. The latter complied with his request and made a self-moving canoe to which he gave the names

Winaiotstus and Kunkunu'qtstus. In the third moon after the winter solstice the canoe was completed, and Winwina started, accompanied by the clouds, the birds, and by all the animals. The Hermaphrodite was sitting in the stern of the canoe. They went down the fiord and when they passed the village of Bella Bella, they saw the Cormorant sitting on the beach, who asked to be taken along as a passenger. They travelled westward for a long time, and finally they reached the country of the Salmon. They saw that there were no trees. The country was a vast prairie. A large sun was shining in the sky. Soon they descried the village of the Salmon. They sent out the Raven as a spy. When he returned he told them that in the evening the Salmon were in the habit of playing on the beach. Mink suggested that this would be the best time for carrying some of them away.

Then the Crane (according to another version, the Hawk) said "I shall carry away the Sockeye Salmon." The Wren said, "I shall carry away the Hump-back Salmon." The Kingfisher (according to another version the Crane) said "I shall carry away the Dog Salmon." The Raven said "I shall carry away the Silver Salmon." The Fish-Hawk said, "I shall carry away the Olachen and the Salmon Trout." The Cloud said "I shall carry away the Spring Salmon." Finally the Cormorant said "I am only a passenger and I will take whatever I can get." The Mink remarked, "I will not say what I am going to carry away. I only want to tell you that you must each take one male and one female. Now start. You are invisible to the Salmon.

When you approach them they will not be able to see you just as we cannot see the ghosts even when they are walking by our side." They left Winwina to guard the canoe. Then all the birds and the Mink took each one male and one female child of the various kinds of fish. When they carried them off the children fainted, as though their souls had been taken away. Their bodies remained at the place where they had been playing. The Salmon did not see their captors, and did not know why the children were fainting. The birds returned to the canoe carrying the fish. Then Winwina said "Let us go on and see what is beyond the country of the Salmon." Soon they arrived at a place called Quale'mit (this name is not quite certain) in which vast numbers of berries were growing. Here the Hermaphrodite went ashore and picked all kinds of berries which she carried into the canoe. Then they returned home. For seven months they hid staid in the country of the Salmon. They reached the coast shortly after the winter solstice (-). When they passed Bella Bella, the Cormorant

said, "This is my home. I will go ashore here." He went, and took along the Salmon which he had captured. Ever since that time there are salmon at Bella Bella. The others travelled on, and came to the mouth of Bella Coola River. Then they threw all the various kinds of fish into the water. The Salmon jumped, and began to ascend the river. Then Winw'na arose in his canoe and told each at what season he was to arrive. He scattered the berries over the mountains and through the valleys, and told them at what season to ripen. After he had done so, he invited his companions into his house and gave them a feast.

In this tradition the birds and animals are not called by their ordinary names, but by mythical names. These names are as follows —

ENGLISH	ORDINARY NAME	MYTHICAL NAME
Spring salmon	umi	tolt o'lx'umot
Sockeye salmon	sami	nam'tak in'extu'ni'm ('very long')
Humpback salmon	k'ap'u	inuk'p'm'u'x
Doe salmon	t'li	sua'lot ('for weather')
Silver salmon	wa's	k'p'stostōsa'lux ('making himself beautiful')
Salmon (sp.)	—	o'sp'iq
Clayton	sk'e'nois	ts'ko'ok ('long hand')
Hawk (?)	st'six's'ix	inuk'k'iq's'ix ('looking down into water')
Wren	mo'xat'li'iq	ts'k'm'li'ux ('jumper')
Crow	x'iq'ins	m's'ix'e'li'an
Raven	q'o'ix	ix'ox'x'o'qs'u'lux ('rising early')
Cormorant	t'o'p'ant	k'o'k'o'ig'ili
Hermaphrodite	sa'nts	u'x'x'io

According to the belief of the Bella Coola, Winw'na's canoe arrives from the country of the Salmon every year. It stays in the country of the Bella Coola for nine months, and then returns to the country of the Salmon. At the moment when it leaves, another canoe, which is named *Nō'ak'nem or Nunuk'au'tsnem, which brings the kū'siut ceremonial, arrives from the country Sanōk'p'a'ltua. The canoe reaches a distant point of land before the departure of the canoe of the Salmon. After four days it reaches a nearer point of land. Four days more and it is seen at the point of land nearest to the mouth of Bella Coola River. Another four days and it reaches the mouth of the river. The Indians believe that there is a house named Sn'aml'tenank at this place. A post is standing in the water in front of the house. It is called Snut'x'oolaa'xt'stena'nk. In the house live three men who are named Naapsut'aax'u'x, A'm'lt'ig'ilis, and Tix't'ik'a'nemem. The canoe is tied up in front of this house. As soon as it arrives the kū'siut ceremonial begins. At the head-waters of Bella Coola River forming the watershed between Bute Inlet and Bentinck Arm is a mountain called

Smaya'na, that is considered a human being. It is said that his children make the canoe go up Bella Coola River with the rising tide, A'nxumk'ila. The canoe travels the distance from the mouth of the river to the mountain Smaya'na in a single tide. The canoe "No'ak nēm" stays for four months. Then the canoe "Kunkunu'qtstuls" returns from the country of the Salmon, while "No'ak nēm" leaves again. It is said that all the gods of the House of Myths come to the villages of the Bella Coola in the canoe "No'ak nēm".

The arrival and the departure of these canoes are strictly regulated according to the calendar of the Bella Coola, which for this reason should be explained in connection with their beliefs. The Bella Coola divide the year into two parts, which are separated by the winter and summer solstices. The solstices are periods of indefinite length, between which five months are counted. Each solstice is reckoned therefore, as approximately six weeks. The names of the months are as follows:—

Se' mt (<i>winter solstice</i>)	Se' mt (<i>summer solstice</i>)
Sxol' m' x' n' m	S' t' x' u' m
A' i' ō' n' s' t' m' ō' t	S' e' x' e' m' u' t
S' i' q' u' m	S' m' u' l' l' s' t' m' t' n' m
S' i' q' u' l' x	I' s' t' s' t' u' k' i' n' s' t' u' A' n' ō' i' k' u' t' s' a' i' x
S' i' ō' m' o' i' k	I' e' m' u' t' e' m

The canoe "No'ak nēm" arrives, and "Kunkunu'qtstuls" leaves, in the month "Smul' l' s' t' m' t' n' m". The canoe "No'ak nēm" leaves and "Kunkunu'qtstuls" returns, in the month "Sxol' m' x' n' m".

At the moment when the canoe "No'ak nēm" arrives, a deity called "Ana' i' k' u' t' s' a' i' x" (Plate XII Figs 1 and 2) who is believed to live in a cave, opens the door of her abode. There is one deity of this name to each village. Her cave is called "Nuskesi' ū' t' s' t' a". It is said that one, "Ana' i' k' u' t' s' a' i' x" lives on the mountain "S' q' t' s' t'". Her house is described as a large hollow boulder suspended from the top of the mountain by means of a rope. Each "Ana' i' k' u' t' s' a' i' x" has an older sister who is called "N' u' t' s' e' x' e' n' l' e' m". When the canoe "No'ak nēm" appears, and she opens her door she steps outside and stands in front of her house, dancing with trembling hands. When a person sees her he faints. His soul is taken into her house and is initiated into the secrets of the "kū' s' i' u' t'".

A particular "Nuskesi' ū' t' s' t' a" is believed to be at the foot of the creek "A' n' o' n' k" on the northern side of North Bentinck Arm near the mouth of Bella Coola River. A woman called "N' u' t' s' e' x' o' a' x' l' o' s' t' x' u' m" lives there. She is described as emaciated, of black skin and as wearing a black blanket. A certain chief who lived long ago was the first to see her. He was initiated by her and after his return he performed a dance and told what he had seen. Then he died.

There is a special deity who initiates the shamans. His name is *raa-ia'u* or *Saa'xoax* (Plate XI, Fig 9). He lives in the woods. He carries a wooden wand wound with red cedar-bark, which he swings in his hands producing a singing noise. Around his neck he wears a large ring made of strips of bear-skin and red cedar-bark. He sometimes plays in ponds which are believed to be in certain mountains. When he jumps into the water, it boils. When a woman meets him she begins to menstruate. When a man meets him, his nose begins to bleed. When initiating a person he touches the chest of the latter with his wand, and paints his face with the design of the rainbow. Then he swings his wand, the noise of which causes the person who hears it to faint. He creates sexual desire in man and animals. A shaman who was initiated by this being told me that he very often sees *raa-ia'u*, who tells him who will die and who will fall sick. Sometimes he sees that the body of a person is black. Others he sees dancing on their heads. These are signs that they will die at an early date. I obtained from this man the description of the visit to the country of the ghosts, quoted before (p 38). He told me that when reaching the country of the dead he saw the ghosts of his deceased relatives sitting in the house. When they saw him they began to weep and said, "Don't come here. We don't want to see you so soon." While they were speaking to him the chief's speaker entered the house and called all the people to come to the dancing-house of the ghosts. One of the ghosts painted his face black and white and tied long strips of white and red cedar-bark in his hair. The people were called four times. Then they started to go to the dancing-house. The entrance to the door was over a narrow plank. When he had just stepped on the plank he suddenly saw *raa-ia'u* with his large neck-ring made of red cedar-bark and strips of black bear-skin, who took hold of him turned him round and told him to return to his own country because if he should once enter the dancing-house he would not be able to return. Then he revived and from that time on *raa-ia'u* was his supernatural helper.

A Jacobsen describes this spirit as follows —

The most prominent among the spirits of the shamans is *Kle-klati-c'il* [*raa-ia'u*]. He lives in the woods where the youth who intends to be initiated tries to find him. When the spirit meets him the youth faints. When he recovers he begins to sing a song the tune and words of which have been given to him by the spirit. Now he has become a shaman who uses this song in all his incantations but he does not retain it throughout his life because he meets his guardian spirit almost every year and then he receives new songs. The Indians believe that *Kle-klati-c'il* has hum in shape but he is clothed in cedar-bark and wears a great many rings of cedar-bark.

Some of these he gives to the shaman. A third spirit is the Skaa [Sxa'xoax] which is believed to live in rivers, and to have the shape of a salmon. When a shaman who is inspired by this spirit makes an incantation in a house, singing and dancing, as all the shamans do, whoever approaches the house and hears the song turns back. They believe that whoever passes the house during the incantation will be punished with death by the spirit Skaa.

I believe this spirit is identical with Latiaii, who, as stated before, has the second name Sxa'xoax. According to Jacobsen, some shamans are initiated by the ghosts. He says that the ghosts are believed to have bald heads and blue faces. I am under the impression however, that the people initiated by them are not shamans but kú'siut dancers (see Chap VI).

Another being who initiates shamans is described in the following tradition —

Once upon a time there was a man and a woman who had four sons. The three elder ones died. Then the father and mother and the youngest brother were very unhappy, and the old people cried for grief until they died. The young man was now left all alone. He left his village intending to go away and never to return. He pulled his blanket over his head and walked on. Sometimes he would stop to pray. He lived on the meat of mountain-goats which he shot. He built a small hut high up on the mountains and dried the meat. He was crying and praying all the time. He prayed to the Sun to give him a gift which would restore his happiness. One day early in the morning he ascended the mountain. He addressed the rising Sun saying, "Look at me how unhappy I am. After he had gone a short distance he came to a ravine. The bed of the ravine was filled with pretty pebbles. There he met a beautiful man who was no other than the Sun who had descended from the sky. He had caused the water of the creek that runs through the ravine to disappear. When the young man saw the stranger from a distance he thought, "He seems to be looking for me." He went nearer and when they met the Sun said, "I am the one to whom you are praying all the time and I came to help you. Now be happy. When you open your mouth and speak to me I know your thoughts at once. I help those who address themselves to me. Take this." With these words he handed the young man a switch curved in the shape of a man. The Sun was carrying it under his arm, the point of the switch directed downward. "Fold your arms and hold this switch to your chest and then return to the village. When you approach any one, hide the switch under your arm. You will find a person who wears a nose-ornament of beautiful green color. Then you must try to hit the ornament with this switch and throw it to your right side."

He walked on and after a while he noticed a man sitting at a distance. Then he hid the switch under his arm. When he came near, he saw that the man wore a large green nose-ring. He hit it with his switch, and threw it to the right-hand side. Then the man said "You have attained me as your supernatural helper. Your name shall be Sa'tt-ma [from 'a'tema' 'dead']. Many people have seen me, but nobody has done what you did. If you had not struck my nose-ornament you would have died on seeing me. You shall have the power to heal the sick by the touch of your hands. Whenever a person dies and is put into a box, after the box has been placed in the burial-ground, go there. You will find me sitting on the coffin. If then you knock the nose-ring from out of my nose I shall leave and the dead will revive. He will break the box, and will arise."

Then the young man felt very glad. He returned to the village and by following the instructions of the spirit he resuscitated the dead. He was given many blankets and the men whom he had resuscitated gave him their daughters in marriage.

Other shamans are initiated by tetsa'aplerana. The same man who gave me the record of his supposed visit to the country of the ghosts (see p. 38) told me that at another time he saw tetsa'aplerana flying in the air outside of his house. She wore a ring of red cedar-bark around her neck. She was turning round all the time. Songs were coming from all parts of her body. Although she did not open her mouth it sounded as though a great many people were singing. She gave him a song or as the narrator expressed it she threw a song into his body. At that time he was sick suffering from a wound in his leg inflicted by an axe. He died four days after meeting the spirit he was able to walk and since that time she has assisted him in curing diseases.

The s's'suit is another helper of the shaman and the means of curing disease (see p. 28). It appears that it obtains its supernatural power from the fact that it lives in the water in which the supreme deity washed her face. When a person sees a s's'suit he should throw sand on it by which means he will be able to catch it. Its skin is so hard that it cannot be pierced with a spear or knife. The person who catches it should not try to cut it with his knife but should stretch his hand backward and thus he will find the leaf of a holly which is the only thing that can cut its skin. He should not touch the s's'suit with his hands but hold it with hemlock twigs. He should wrap it in white cedar-bark and tie it up in his blanket. If it is not thus tied up, it will disappear. It must not be taken into the house but should be placed in a small box and hidden under stones or buried in a hole under the root of a tree. It is a most potent means of curing disease. Sick people will buy small pieces of the s's'suit, for which

they pay high prices. The piece is thrown into water, in which it is kept for four days. Then the water is used for washing the body. If a healthy person uses this water, he will live to an old age. Sick persons chew the white cedar-bark in which it is wrapped up in order to regain health. They must not swallow the cedar-bark, but only the saliva that gathers in their mouths. A person who has chewed the cedar-bark becomes invulnerable. The eye of the *si'siur* is described as about a foot in diameter, and as transparent as rock crystal.

Toa'lal it is the spirit who protects the mountain-goat hunter. He himself is invisible, but great hunters sometimes see his hat, his moccasins or his mountain staff moving about. The following tradition describes some of his characteristics. —

The Raven and the Lynx lived in one house, each occupying one side. Early in the morning the Raven went out to catch salmon with the harpoon. He was very successful, and carried the fish home. Toa'lal it watched the Raven who when he arrived at the house roasted his salmon. The children of the Lynx were sitting near by and looking at the Raven while he was roasting the fish. They wished to participate in the meal but he did not give them anything. Then the children were very sad. Now the Lynx made up his mind to make arrows and to go hunting mountain-goat. He went out and cut some wood for his arrows, then he told his wife to make a quiver which he called *Tso'lapria*. She did so and wove a quiver of cedar-bark. The Lynx was quite impatient for the sun to rise, so eager was he to start hunting. Early in the morning he arose and ascended the mountain. When he reached the limit of the trees, he sat down on a flat rock and looked for goats. Then he saw the staff of a man who was coming down the mountain. He did not see the person himself. He thought, "Who is that? Who may be hunting here?" The stick approached him and when it came near he saw Toa'lal it who wore a large hat. His hat was named *Q'p'et* (that means a barren mountain-top). Toa'lal it reached the Lynx and sat down opposite him. Neither spoke a word. After a while Toa'lal it arose, took the arrows of the Lynx and said, "How beautiful these arrows are!" He took up one after another until he had looked at all the four arrows of the Lynx. Then he asked, "Who made these arrows?" The Lynx did not reply. Toa'lal it asked again, "Who made these arrows?" Then Lynx replied, "Toa'lal it made my arrows." Then Toa'lal it was very much pleased and said, "Is he the one who made your arrows?" — "Certainly," replied Lynx. Then Toa'lal it took his arrows and threw one after another down the mountain and said to the Lynx, "Now go down the mountain and look at your arrows. If you spoke the truth every

one of them will have killed a large mountain-goat." The Lynx descended the mountain, and saw that every one of his arrows had killed a goat. Then he was glad because now he had food for his children. He jumped and danced for joy. And Toa'lar it said, "I am Toa'lar, it. I am so called because I am the mountain-goat hunter. Now return to your village. From now on, I am your supernatural protector. The next time you go hunting, and you do not find any mountain-goats, sit down and throw your arrows down the mountain. Every one will kill a goat. But do not lose those arrows. If you should lose them you would never kill another mountain-goat." The mountain-goats were so large, that Lynx took only their fat, which he put into his quiver and climbed down the mountain. He arrived at his house in the afternoon. He left his quiver outside and the Raven saw him coming in. The Lynx sat down by the side of his wife. He did not say a word. His wife and his children also received him in silence. In the evening when it was dark, he said to his wife, "Go and fetch my quiver. It is hanging outside on a stick." She went there and tried to lift it but it was too heavy. She returned to her husband and told him that she was not strong enough to lift it and asked him to fetch it himself. He said, "It is not heavy. He went out himself and brought it in. He opened it and took out the fat and he gave some of it to his children but he did not give any to the Raven's children. Then the Raven was very sad. After a little while the Raven's children began to cry because they wanted some of the fat.

Early the next morning the Lynx went to fetch the meat of the mountain-goat. The Raven watched him and saw where he went. When he saw that the Lynx had killed mountain-goats, he made up his mind to go hunting too. He told his wife to make him a quiver while he went out to cut wood for his arrows. In the evening the quiver and the arrows were done. In the afternoon the Lynx came home bringing the meat of the mountain-goats. Early the next morning the Raven started following the tracks of the Lynx. He reached the place where the Lynx had sat down. He sat there and placed his arrows by his side. He looked around for mountain-goats. After some time he saw a stiff moving along in the distance. It approached and soon he saw a man coming down the mountain. It was Toa'lar, it. He reached him and sat down opposite the Raven. They did not speak a word. After a while Toa'lar, it arose, took up the arrows and said, "Man, your arrows are beautiful. Who made them?" The Raven did not reply. Then Toa'lar, it said again, "Tell me who made your arrows." Then the Raven answered, "The name of the man who makes my arrows is Raven." Then Toa'lar, it took the arrows, threw them down the mountain and said to the Raven, "You are bid!" And he turned back and ascended the mountain. The Raven went down the mountain, trying to find his arrows.

They had hit a stone and their points were broken. He staid there some time and when it was nearly dark he returned home. Before he reached his house he cut his own belly and took out some of the fat from his intestines. He cut it in five pieces and replaced his intestines. He put the fat into his quiver. When he reached his house he hung the quiver up outside and entered. He imitated everything the Lynx had done. When it grew dark, he told his wife to fetch his quiver. She brought it, and he told her to open it and to feed his children. She took the fat out, placed it on a stick and put it near the fire and as soon as it grew warm, the Raven cried "Tttt" Don't put it so near the fire. I feel sick when you do so." He jumped up took hold of the fat and put it back in his belly. The Lynx said "Formerly I fed your children but you were the first not to treat me properly. You did not give any food to my children." Then the Lynx took some fat, and flung one piece to each of the Raven's children. He cut some meat and gave it to them also. Then the Raven said "I will give you one of my children that it may grow up in company with yours."

It is said that the former spirit Toa'lat it was killed at one time by an Indian who took his place. This tale is recorded in Chap. IV. It belongs to the tribe of the village Nusxe'q'. A similar tradition is told of Astas' by which name the Carriers call the Raven their principal culture hero. Many traditions referring to Astas' are common to the Carriers, the Bella Coola and the Awik' enox of Rivers Inlet.

The Bella Coola believe that a being called K'tsos is the father of all mountain-goats. When a hunter meets him he thinks he sees a kid. Then he should close his eyes and open them again. If the animal is K'tsos it will appear in its real shape as a buck of enormous size. The hunter should then ascend the mountain. If he should descend he would fall and die.

The thunder-storm is produced by the Thunder-bird who lives on the mountains in the company of a number of spirits who are considered his particular friends. The Thunder-bird himself is represented by a black mask with red nostrils. The nose is strongly curved the forehead bulges forward, and the chin protrudes almost as far forward as the nose (Plate XI Fig. 1). His headdress is called Atxula'tlunum (Plate XI Fig. 2). His face is painted with orange and blue stripes and he carries a Speaker's staff which is painted with spirals of the same color. He watches the door of the Thunder-bird's house. In his house live the Rabbit (Plate XI Fig. 3), the Owl who is considered the rival of the Thunder-bird (Plate XI Fig. 4), the Mountain Goat (Plate XI Fig. 5), the Rindroo (Plate XI Fig. 6).

The Thunder-bird and his companions appear in the kú'siut ceremonial. When they enter the house, a dancer appears who carries an instrument in the shape of a bird-rattle (Plate XI, Fig. 7), which is provided with holes in its lower side, and has a loose back. This implement is filled with cedar-bark and eagle-down, and is shaken by the dancer. The eagle-down is thus made to fly about in the house symbolizing the wealth and power of the Thunder-bird.

IV

In the preceding pages I have summarized the principal features of Bella Coola mythology, which are characteristic of the traditions of the whole tribe. Besides these, there are other groups of traditions which are very conflicting. One reason for the existence of numerous contradictory traditions must be looked for in the peculiar social organization of the Bella Coola. In former times, when the tribe was populous the Bella Coola inhabited a great many villages. The inhabitants of each village are considered the descendants of a number of mythical ancestors who were sent down by Sinx. Each of these village communities has traditions of its own which are its property and which are not well known to the rest of the tribe. Many of these traditions refer to the origin of our world and for this reason a number of the most important myths differ in various villages. Indications of such conflicting ideas may be found in the traditions recorded in the preceding pages. To make this subject clear it is necessary to describe somewhat fully the traditions belonging to a number of village communities. Before recording these traditions I shall enumerate the villages of the tribe. The following list is the result of repeated inquiries. In it the names and locations of the villages are given in consecutive order from the mouth of Beatnick Arm upward along Bella Coola River and the names of the mythical ancestors of the village communities have been added where these have been ascertained.

VILLAGE	LOCATION	ANCESTORS
1. Q'á'ni	At the base of this name	
2. S'á'ni	At the entrance of South Beatnick Arm	E'toso'ni
3. Nusá'ni	On North Beatnick Arm	S'á'siut, k'á's Nusá'ni, X'á'c S'á'siut and their sister E'ni'ni'ni
4. P'á'ni	At the bottom of the valley opening on the north side of the mouth of Bella Coola River	S'á'á'ni, Yáyo'k, M'ni'á' S'á'á'ni
5. Atqá'ni	The present mission at the north side of Bella Coola River near its mouth	X'á'á'ni, X'á'ni'ni, E'm S'á'á'ni'á'á'ni and their sister Nuq'á'ni

ALFAGE	LOCATION	ASCENDERS
6 Qsmixmikt'itp	North side at mouth of Bella Coola River above No 5	
7 Ix'it'it'skunc	North side at mouth of Bella Coola River above No 6	
8 Selku'ti	North side at mouth of Bella Coola River above No 7	
9 S'it'it	North side at mouth of Bella Coola River above No 8	
10 Sisk'it	South side near mouth of Bella Coola River	Q'ec't
11 Q'o'mqutis	South side near mouth of Bella Coola River above No 10 (Nos 4-11 jointly are called Nuxi'lk')	Xc'mitux O'mqomki-lik' and their sister Sxem'it
12 S'it'it	About one mile above Nuxi'lk'	Yuvu'lkumii Anux'e'm-lix S'it'it'it'it' and their sister Nask'it'it'it'it
13 Isomoi	On Bella Coola River above No 12	Xo'it'it'it' Isx'it'it'it'it' k'it'it' and their sister S'it'it'it'it'it'
14 Snu't'it'e	On Bella Coola River above No 13	ituk'it'it'
15 N'it'it's	On Bella Coola River above No 14	ixumit'it'e'm
16 Nus'it'sem	At junction of Nus'it'sem and Bella Coola Rivers	Oxoxunk'it'it'e
17 As'e'it'it'e	On Bella Coola River above No 15	I'm'it'it'it' // At'it'it'it'it'
18 Nuq'it'it'it's	On Bella Coola River above No 17	Anut'it'it'it'it'it'it'it' Is'it'it'it'it'it'it' and their sister
19 Is'it'it'it'it'e	On Bella Coola River above No 18	
20 Nusq'it'it'st	On Bella Coola River at foot of Mount Nusq'it'it'st above No 19	Itot'it'it'it'it'
21 Nut'it'it'it'it'	On Bella Coola River above No 20	Sxum'it'it'it'it'it' So'it'it'it'it'it' S'it'it'it'it'it' and their sister Q'it'it'it'it'it'it'
22 S'it'it'it'	2 1/2 miles above mouth of Bella Coola River above No 21	At'it'it'it'it'it'it'it' S'it'it'it'it'it'it' S'it'it'it'it'it'it' S'it'it'it'it'it'it' Anux'e'm'it'it' K'it'it'it'it'it'it'it' and their sister K'it'it'it'it'it'it'it'
23 S'it'it'it'it'	On Bella Coola River above No 22	
24 S'it'it'it'	On Bella Coola River above No 23	
25 O'it'it'it'	At head of South Bentack Arm	
26 Nu'it'it'		
27 As'it'it'		
28 Sot'it'	At mouth of Salmon River Dean Inlet	
29 S'it'it'	Dean Inlet	

It is very remarkable, that, besides the ancestors of the villages enumerated here, the Bella Coola state that the Sun created a number of men whom he sent down to a mountain on Skeena River, and that they became the ancestors of a part of the Tsimshian. Another group of men was sent down to Butc Inlet and later on migrated to Bella Coola River. The names of these villages and men are as follows: -

VILLAGE	ANCESTORS
Nusq'ipis (Skeena River)	Igo'mnot, Xuste, Sso'ya, and their sister K'immu'yn
N'us (Bute Inlet)	Ninuskuit, Anoxem'ixots, Sp'yn pit'mux, Om'uk'is

The full traditions referring to them will be found at the end of this chapter. Each of these ancestors when sent down to our world, received a salmon-weir which was placed across the river at the locality where they built their village. I shall now relate a number of traditions of the various villages.

TRADITION OF SUTLA

In the beginning our world was dark. At that time Fotos'nx descended from heaven and reached our world on a mountain near the river Wick-timat (Fraser River). Here he built a house in which he lived in the company of the Raven. The latter had a black canoe which was called "Riven". The two resolved to travel in order to find people. They descended the river until they came to the sea. After some time they reached a house which was covered inside and outside with abalone shells. The totem-post of the house was also covered with shells. It shone like the sun. They saw a canoe on the beach and this too was completely covered with abalone shells. A chief whose name was Pilyanc'mx (abalone man) invited them to enter his house. As soon as Fotos'nx reached this place the sun rose. If he had not found the place of the abalone chief there would be no sun. Fotos'nx did not wish to stay. He looked at the house and saw something turning about on top of it. When they came nearer he saw that it was a Mink which was running about on the roof. Many people were inside the house. When Fotos'nx approached and saw the beautiful canoe he wished to have it. He offered the chief their canoe in exchange. This offer was accepted and Fotos'nx travelled on with the abalone canoe. The Raven staid with the abalone chief. Fotos'nx continued his travels following the course of the sun. First he travelled southward and came to the post which stands in the west of our world. From here he travelled on and reached the copper country which is situated

a little farther to the north. When he saw the country from a distance, it looked like fire. When he came near, he saw a house which was built of copper. On the beach, there was a canoe, which was also made of copper. The chief was sitting in front of the house, and invited him to come in. A carved post in the shape of a man was standing in front of the chief's house. It also was made of copper. Then Totoso'nx offered to exchange canoes with the chief. The chief took the abalone canoe, while Totoso'nx took the copper canoe. The chief also gave him a large box made of copper and he gave him his daughter ra'hav ts in marriage. Besides this, he gave him olachen which was to serve as food for his daughter. In the copper box were all the whistles and other paraphernalia of the sisauk ceremonial. He travelled on, and reached our country in the north. When he arrived the sun began to shine for the first time. He met a chief to whom he gave the sisauk whistles. Wherever he met people, he presented to them the whistles of this ceremonial. Thus he met the Haida the Isimshim, the Gitama't, the Gitlo'p, the Xa'eyes, the He'itsuq.

He travelled on, and reached Wa'nuk (Rivers Inlet). There he threw the olachen into the water. They multiplied and since that time there have been many olachen in that river. He travelled on, and came to Nuxi'ts to So'mxot and to Is'io, on the lake above Rivers Inlet. He gave the chiefs of these places the sisauk whistles. He arrived at Asc'ix, in Iahio'mx. Here he left whistles and olachen. He did the same at Qoa'px and Nu'ik' in South Bentinck Arm. Then he travelled down the fiord to the little island Qi'nk'ist at the mouth of South Bentinck Arm. Here he left the sisauk whistles. Finally he came to Se'lia near the entrance to South Bentinck Arm. He liked this place very much and was surprised not to see any people. He travelled on and reached the mouth of Bella Coola River. Here he staid four winters. He used his whistles, and performed the sisauk ceremonial. At the end of this time a quarrel arose between him and the chief at Bella Coola, therefore he turned back. When he came to Se'lia he stopped and built a house. The house resembled in shape that of the chief ra'ha. He called the house ra'ha. His wife the daughter of the chief of the copper country had many children. They increased rapidly and became the tribe Si'u'mx. He invited the neighboring tribes to feast. He performed the sisauk ceremonial. He never gave feasts in honor of his youngest son Se'nxagila.

Si'nxagila was dissatisfied with the way in which his father treated him. He went to bed and for four days could not be induced to rise. On the fifth day he rose early in the morning and left his father's house. He lay down on a point of land crying. There he staid all day. For four days he staid at this place. At midnight he returned home and lay down in his bed. He would not be induced to come down to the fire in the middle of

day and the sea extended far up Bella Coola valley. At their request Masmsala'mx made a self-moving canoe for them, which was called 'Koo-koo'. They travelled to Fraser River and then continued their journey southward accompanied by their speaker. After some time they reached the house of Pelkhany (Pik'ine'mx). They were invited in and received as a gift the secrets of the sisau'k dance and some mother-of-pearl. (There is no mention of the appearance of the sun.) After four days they continued their journey and reached the house of Klallia (ra'lia), the chief of the coppers from whom they received other secrets of the sisau'k and some copper. On returning they reached Rivers Inlet and on a small island met an old woman who was twisting branches from a tree. When she looked at their canoe her eyes assumed the peculiar lustre of mother-of-pearl. The woman was the ~~chief~~, whose eyes still retain this lustre. Her answers to their questions showed them that they had been absent many years although they thought their journey had lasted not more than four days. They dragged their canoe from the head of Rivers Inlet to the lake above thus creating the river which empties into Rivers Inlet. Sea-lions and whales ascended through this river into the lake. Wakitmu transformed the whales into stone. He threw his canoe-pole at the sea-lions, intending to drive them back. He missed them and the pole stuck in the mountain. It may still be seen there. For this reason the mountain is called Skallakt (Sk'olok't) which means 'canoe-pole'. He had also received a magic wand from the chief of mother-of-pearl, one end of which possessed the power of restoring life while a touch of the other end caused death. By means of this wand he transformed the sea-lions into driftwood. The brothers continued their journey to Talho (T'ah'o) where they met a family. Then the brothers separated and Wakitmu settled at Bella Coola. He married the daughter of the couple whom he had met at Talho. He had a son and a daughter who grew up in four days. Then Wakitmu initiated them into the sisau'k ceremonial which he had received. He went up to Alkondam (A'k'unta'm) from whom he received further instructions. One of his sisau'k masks represented himself in the form of a raven, the other one the chief of the mother-of-pearl.

TRADITION OF NUSSE'Q'

The Sun set down Sinsuutuk is Nusqoa'line, their sister E'ni'ni'ni (dukness) and the Hermiphrodite (Plate XI Fig. 10) to Nusse'q' which is situated on Beatinck Arm. The Sun desired that two Beus should assume human shape and live with them but his wishes were not realized, only their eyebrows assumed the shape of human eyebrows. These two Beus were living at Mo'ish'i'. There is a cascade at this place at the foot of

which they caught salmon. The Bears obtained there all the food they needed. One day S'msiuta'k as went down the river to see the sea. He was sitting near the mouth of the river and then the Sun sent the olachen to the river. The Hermaphrodite was the first to see them, and began at once catching fish. If he had not done so there would have been a great many olachen in this river. But women are forbidden to catch them therefore the Sun grew angry, and took away the greater number of the fish. Instead of them he sent cohoes salmon. When S'msiuta'k as reached the sea he took the name N'önotxoq'it'max. He went across to Arql'a' and married Nuqa'tsta the daughter of Isv'yot. On the following day she had a child which after four days had grown to be a youth. His name was X'e'mak'sta. Then they all went back to Nusse'q'. When they reached there, the boy wished to go up the river. He carried his bow and bud-niows along. When he had gone some distance he met some people who wore ornaments made of red cedar-bark and beaver-skins. The youth saw them and they approached him. They invited him to follow them to their house. They were Bears, although they looked like men. When they had entered the house the Bears invited the youth to sit down. They started a fire by striking together two green stones. Then they said, "We will roast some salmon." They took some skunk-cabbage and roasted it, and when it was done they placed it in a dish and gave it to the boy. When the boy began to eat he found that what appeared to be skunk-cabbage was really salmon. Their dish was made of the kneecap of a Bear. The youth thought that the food they gave him would not be sufficient to still his hunger. The Bears knew his thoughts at once and said, "You will not be able to eat all that we have given you." The young man began to eat but he was unable to empty the dish. When he had eaten he took a drink of water, and the Bears finished the dish and placed four berries (strawberries) in it. Again the youth thought, "That is not enough for me," and the Bears knew his thoughts at once. When the youth took up a berry and began to eat he saw that another one had taken its place, and he was not able to empty the dish. After he had eaten he wished to return home. But the Bears said, "Stay here. You may return to-morrow." The Bears showed him to a bed on one side of the house while he himself lay down on the opposite side. Early the next morning the Bears said, "Now let us start. We will take you home." But the one night that he had staid at the Bears' house was actually a year. The youth was carrying his bow, and the Bears wished to have it, the youth gave it to them. Then one of the Bears stretched his hand backward in his bed and took out a beautiful staff made of crystal. He said, "If you want to heal a sick person touch him with this end of the staff, but if you want to kill your enemies point the other end at them and they will die. This shall be your supernatural power." Once

more the Bear stretched his hand backward in his bed, and took out some eagle-down, which he gave to the youth and he gave him a bear-skin blanket and said "If any one should maltreat you when you return home take this down put it on your left shoulder, and shake it. Then it will fly up and when it settles on his skin, he will fall sick. Then if you wish to cure him approach him with the healing end of your staff and he will recover." The Bears gave him the name Stsk'la, and said, "When you arrive at the house of your parents, do not enter at the door. Stay behind the house. Soon somebody will come, and then you may show yourself. And when they find you, tell them to open the rear of the house. There you shall enter and you shall sleep in the elevated room in the rear of the house." The Bears accompanied him until they were near the village. Then they returned. The youth staid behind the village.

Soon he heard his mother crying in her house. Then he approached cautiously and knocked on the wall close to the place where she was sitting, but she only cried the louder. She thought that the people were teasing her. Again he knocked on the wall. Then the woman wiped her face and stopped crying. She told her youngest son to see who was knocking on the wall of the house. He ran out and soon returned saying "My brother is standing outside. Then she struck him with a stick saying "Why do you say that? He died long ago." Then she said to her older son "Go out and see who is knocking on the wall. Soon he returned saying "My younger brother spoke the truth. Our elder brother has returned but he does not want us to come to meet him. He wants rather to open the rear of the house." This was done and an elevated room in the rear of the house was prepared. X'mak sta entered and staid in the room for three nights. His youngest brother always staid with him.

On the fourth evening he said to his youngest brother "To-morrow I shall go to Nuxa'lk. I wish to see my relatives. But I shall soon return. Do not be sad because I am going to leave. Then he walked along the north side of the ford over the mountains. He came to a house it Axl'xi. He saw a man sitting behind the house and addressed him saying "Tell my relatives that I wish to see them. Let the young women come out here." The man entered the house and soon returned leading two women. When they reached the place where X'mak sta was standing, he said "Sit down. You shall see who I am. Look at me well. Now I shall stand over there." Then he took his staff and pointed its deadly end towards the women. They fell down dead. While they were lying there, he touched their bodies with his hands. Then he turned his staff, pointed it at them, and they arose. Now they loved the young man because he had resuscitated them and they wished to marry him. The young man stepped behind their backs, went round them, and when he came in sight again he

had assumed the shape of a bear. His body was covered with red cedar-bark. Then the women were afraid. He went round them, passing behind their backs, and when he re-appeared in front, he had re-assumed his human shape. Then he put some eagle-down on his left shoulder and approached them. He shook himself and the down fell on them. At once their skin became covered with sores and their bodies inflated. He went round them once more and healed them by means of his staff. When they had recovered they were highly pleased with the great powers of the young man. Then he said to them: "Now return to your houses." They went, but very soon they began to long for the young man. They returned and lay down with him. Then he sent them back home and asked them to return in the evening.

He sent his friend to bring other women, whom he seduced in the same manner. He had all the young women of the village visit him. They all bore children to him. After all the women on the north side of the river had visited him he swam across and did the same to the women on the south side of the river. When the people learned what he was doing they resolved to go to his house and kill his mother. The young man who had led the women to Xé'mik'sta heard about it and told his friend what he had learned. He said: "The people intend to kill your mother because they think you will be sad when you hear about her death. They are furious because you have seduced their daughters and wives."

Now the people prepared their canoes and started early in the morning. They took along all their canoes in order to prevent Xé'mik'sta from following them. Xé'mik'sta said to his friend: "Tell me when they start, but do not say anything about my plans. Look and see if you cannot find an old broken canoe that has been placed over the salmon-yeat." The young man said there was a canoe of that kind. Xé'mik'sta instructed him to wait until the people had left and then to take the canoe down and place it in the water. He also told him to wait for him at Ketsó at the mouth of Bella Coola River. The young man did as he was bidden. As soon as he placed the canoe in the water it was whole like a new canoe. He landed at Ketsó where he was met by Xé'mik'sta who jumped into the canoe, shook himself, and assumed the shape of a bear. Xé'mik'sta went up and down the canoe once and then he resumed the shape of a man. He said to his friend:

"Let us go to Anú'se on the north side of the ford. There they landed. Then he said: 'Now I shall run north over the mountains. Watch me as I run along and follow slowly in your canoe. You will see what will happen to the people.' At that time the trees on the mountains were small. When they were near the shore Xé'mik'sta turned round and assumed the shape of a bear. Then he ran over the mountains and reached his home long before the people were able to get there. He entered his father's house and told

those within that the people of Nuxalk were coming, intending to kill his mother because their daughters were all in love with him but he promised to vanquish his enemies without any assistance. Now the canoes were approaching. Then he sent his speaker to the beach, and told him to warn the enemies. When they were within hearing distance he shouted, "Do not come ashore! The shaman is here and will kill you." The people laughed and said, "How is that possible? He is in our village."—"You lie!" replied the speaker. "He is here." But they did not believe him. They ranged themselves in a row, waiting for the tide to carry them in. At high water the signal was given to land, and then all paddled for the shore. Then Xé'mak sta took his bear-skin blanket and covered it with down. He stood on the roof of his house and shook himself. The down flew about and settled on the canoes, and all the people fell sick. They groaned with pain and their skin became sore and swollen. Then he entered the house and called his father and his friends. The speaker shouted, "Did I not tell you not to come here?" The enemies were unable to propel their canoes and were groaning with pain. After a few hours the youth said to his mother, "Now watch me. I am going to cure them." He took his staff and pointed the healing end in the direction of the canoes. Then all the people recovered. The down flew back to him and he hid it. When they had recovered, they shouted and threatened to kill the youth and his mother. They landed, and were about to enter the house when he pointed the deadly end of his staff at them. They fell down dead. Only one of the people who had staid in the canoe remained alive. After a few hours the youth said to his father, "Now I will resuscitate them." He touched the chief of Qó'mqutis with the end of his staff and he arose. Now the chief offered the young man his daughter in marriage and asked him to resuscitate the other people too. The youth did so and the people arose rubbing their eyes as though they had slept. And every one whom he resuscitated requested him to restore his friends to life too, and they gave him their daughters in marriage.

Sémsint'k's son had four boys. These young men went up the river to hunt mountain-goats. They pitched camp and then they separated and each went to a different creek. Early in the morning they ascended the mountain and three of the brothers returned in the evening loaded with game. But one of the brothers did not return. The other brothers grew anxious and when he did not return on the evening of the following day one of them went out to search for him. He followed his tracks but did not find him. The two remaining brothers waited a long time but neither of the other brothers re-appeared. After two days the third brother went out. He said to the youngest brother, "Please stay here. I must go and find my brothers." The young man waited but his brothers did not return. Two days after the

third brother had started, the youngest one left the camp to go in search of his brothers but he did not follow the trail his brothers had taken. After a while he saw smoke far away in the distance. He thought, "Maybe my brothers are staying there." He went near and saw a house. He looked in at the door. He saw a woman standing in the house who had her blanket tied around her waist. She was dressing a large skin which was stretched over a frame. The young man thought, "I will go and touch her genitalia." He entered, and when she bent down scraping the skin, he touched her. The woman was frightened. She looked back and saw him. She was very beautiful. Her name was Almenmena'm. She talked to the young man and asked him to lie down with her. He complied. Then she set before him a dish filled with meat of the mountain-goat and she said "Do not eat too much. My husband will be here soon and he will try to offer food to you but do not be afraid. I shall assist you. Take care that you do not fall asleep. He will come back late in the evening and he will give you much to eat in order to make you sleep. Take this bag and hide it under your blanket and when my husband turns his back slip the food into it. He wants to see you eat all he gives you. And she continued. After he has fed you, he will tell you to lie down to sleep. Then when you hear my husband saying 'Hwu hm' imitate his sounds. If you should not reply he will take his staff and he will point it at you and you will be dead. He always ties his dogs to the bed-post. If you succeed in killing my husband you may marry me.

After a while the man came in. The woman saw his staff far away. He was carrying two mountain-goats which he had tied to his belt. The man was no other than Lo'lu it. Now he came in and said to his wife, "Somebody has been to see you." He sat down and said, "A man is here. He slept with you therefore you did not tell me." — Yes, she replied, "it is true." Then Lo'lu it made no further remark. After a while he ordered his wife to build a large fire. He intended to cook the meat and to set it before the visitor. He curved one of his mountain-goats and he ordered his wife to heat stones in the fire. Then they roasted the neck of the goat on the spits and Lo'lu it cut the fat and put it in a dish. Then he set it before the man. Lo'lu it watched to see if he was eating. The man tried to leave a part of the food in the dish but Lo'lu it went up to him and said, "Why do you eat so slowly? See how fast I am eating!" And he devoured a large dish full of meat very rapidly. He swallowed it without chewing. Lo'lu it next took the fat of the mountain-goat and placed it in a dish which he gave to the young man. He emptied it into his bag. Next he gave him a piece of the brisket and when Lo'lu it turned away he hid it in the bag. Lo'lu it was watching him all the time but every now and then his wife spoke to him in order to induce him to

look in another direction. Now they had finished eating. Then Toá'la'it showed the young man the place where he was to lie down. He told him to go to sleep quickly, because he himself was very tired too. He said to him: "Do not trouble to arrange your bed. You are too tired." Then he led his two dogs to his own bed and tied them to a post. His dogs were wolves. He tied one to each side. Now To'lu'it lay down and soon he shouted, "Ee!" As soon as he had done so, the young man answered in the same manner. After a while To'la'it uttered the same cry, and the young man replied. When it was almost daybreak, the young man heard To'lu'it snoring. He shouted, "Ee!" three times but To'la'it did not reply. Then the woman whispered to him: "Arise! Take his staff and point it at him." The young man did as he was bidden. As soon as he pointed the staff towards Toá'la'it the latter died. The woman ordered the young man to free the dogs. As soon as he had untied them they bit off the head of their former master. The young man had vanquished him.

Next to To'la'it's house there was a deep precipice. The woman said to the young man: "Throw Toá'lu'it's body down this precipice." While he was doing so, he looked down and saw his lost brothers lying in the abyss. If the youngest one had not touched the woman, he would have died too. Then the woman said: "Now your name is Toá'la'it and these dogs shall be your dogs and this staff shall be your staff and this quiver shall be your quiver. And when it grew day the woman said to him: "Ascend the mountain and sit down there. When you see a goat shoot it with one of your four arrows. If your aim should not be true your arrows will turn and hit it anyway. When you go hunting on the mountains and do not see any goats take your staff and point and for each time you point you will have a goat. And take my dead husband's hat and his blanket and his belt. You must not carry the goats on your back. Carry them at your belt one on each side. You will be able to carry them because they never so heavy. On the following day the man started. He killed a large goat and hung it on his belt. Soon he returned home. Then the woman said: "Now you are just like Toá'lu'it. You must sleep with me for four nights and four nights leave me alone. And she said: "If you see any one who wants to have goats, and feels very unhappy you shall help him. You shall meet him and he will find many goats."

TRADITION OF AIQU'ANI

Isa'vot Nemxe'mtēnem Saunni'ls and their sister Nuqu'tsi, were sent down to the mountain Sqst. Nemxe'mtēnem had a son who was called Ams'ix. Their house was called Nuqoaxo'ts wa tk'la'nats. This means "the raven box." The posts inside the house represent men. The

front is painted with the design of a raven. They are the ancestors of the Aigla'ni. It is said that Nuqa'tsu married the son of Semsuta'k as the ancestor of the tribe of Nusse'q'.

TRADITION OF STSK'IL

Alk'ala'lis, with his three brothers, was sent down from heaven to the mountain Skolo'ki. They descended the mountain and settled in Stsk'el. Here they were visited by the Raven and his tribe. They saw that the people of the Raven had an abundance of abalone shells while they themselves did not possess any. Then Alk'ala'lis said to his brothers: "Let us try to find abalone shells." They covered the bottom of their canoe with mats, launched it, went aboard, and started. Whenever they met any one they hid on the beach. Finally they reached the ocean, and after they had travelled a long time without finding abalone shells, they intended to return but they had lost their way. When they turned their canoe to go back they seemed to be surrounded by land on all sides. They did not know which way to turn and began to cry. Night came on, and when it grew daylight again they saw a Raven soaring over the canoe. He came down lower and lower, and finally lighted on the canoe. He said to them: "My name is Qu'xaxsila. I am going to give you supernatural power. I shall show you the way you desire to go. You will find a cave in yonder mountain. Cover your canoe with mats and enter it. They did as they were bidden. They found that the roof of the cave was covered with starfishes which fell down on their canoe, but they were kept from them by the mats with which they were covered.

After some time they emerged into the open. They found themselves near a beach which was covered with abalone shells. They filled their canoe and covered their paddles and their huts with shells. Then Alk'ala'lis's brother took the name Wixs'wila, his second brother took the name Nusw'numx, and the third one took the name Sat'ila. Now they were glad and they prepared to return to their home. The Raven, who had staid with them, gave them directions which way to go. They returned after a year's absence. When they were approaching their village Alk'ala'lis staid to his youngest brother to advise him: "I am sure only your wife has remained true to you, but our wives, I think, have given us up for lost and have taken new husbands. When the brothers arrived home they found that only Sat'ila's wife had remained true to her husband. All the others had taken new husbands. Then the elder brothers were ashamed. They showed the people their canoe filled with abalone shells. They married again, and Alk'ala'lis had a daughter to whom he gave the name Aipix'nyure'x.

Later on he had another daughter whom he called Atsta. Then he took the name Ixialvotsai's. He called his house T'á'palst and the painting on the front of it represents a canoe called "T'kun."

The tradition of the ancestors of the village Stsk'e'it is not quite certain. Besides the preceding legend I received the following one. Isvú'vót, Xé'm-tsiwa Xémxemala'ot'ka, and two women Letxumlaix'ana and Arqexivana were sent down to Skoló'k'it. Before they left heaven, Masmasala'nix had given them the olachen. They also carried the nusse'mta, the box in which the daylight was kept. Their speaker was émténkar's. He caused the olachen to disappear and later on to re-appear. "It is also said that when they came down from heaven a cold wind was blowing down the mountain Skoló'k'it. Then the Raven took his canoe-pole, and pushed it upward towards the mountain, thus causing the wind to stop. For this reason the mountain has its name, which means "canoe-pole."

There is still another tradition referring to the origin of the tribe of Stsk'e'it. The Sun made one man whom he called Qeet and Eqor'a'm and he made another man whom he named Aqla'm. He gave to Qeet the skin of the bird Qo'xox which is sitting on the post of the House of Myths for use in his dances. For four days these men sat at the foot of the pole. Then they descended to our earth carrying the nusse'mta which gave them light on their way downward. They reached the mountain Skoló'k'it, whence they descended to Stsk'e'it. Here they built a house. Qeet saw a man sitting in front of a house which was built of branches. His name was Qo'lam. Qeet married his daughter. He visited many villages, where he married the daughters of the chiefs. Therefore he had relatives in a good many places. He married at Nuq'ixmits, Snú't'ile, Nuk'its, Ase'nane, Nús'q'it, Nure'ix, Stú'ix, Qoa'ina, Bélla Bélla and Rivers Inlet. All his wives gave him their houses. Then he returned to his own country, while he left his children with their mothers. He had two men who were guarding the entrance to his house. Their names were Qoo's'itis and Naimtotsu's.

TRADITION OF NUSE'IX

The Sun sent two Ravens and their sister the Crow down to earth (G'ra'it). They carried the nusse'mta in which the sun is kept. The Raven asked his younger brother to break the nusse'mta, but the other refused, requesting his elder brother to do so himself. Then the elder Raven broke it. After he had thus liberated the sun he took the name Kunkunim'. His brother took the name X'm'ix. Then their sister told

them to leave the country and to seek a new home. Kunkum'm went to Satsq where he built a house near a lake. There he caught beavers and other animals but he desired to find people and descended towards the sea. When he reached the ford he met an eagle with human face whose name was Qoa'sta. He asked him, "How long have you been here?" And he replied, "I have been here a long time. I am older than you." He proceeded down Deans Iplet. He met a bird named Atimna'm and he asked, "How long have you been here?" He also replied, "I have been here a long time. I am older than you." His people the Sutsrim'x were the saw-bill ducks. Kunkum'm asked the bird for a canoe that he might proceed down the ford. Then the bird made a canoe for him, buring out a cedar-tree. He gave him a double-bladed paddle. Finally he reached Nuse'x on the south side of Bella Coola River near its mouth. Here he built a house. Then a woman named Atimna'na came down to this place. Her blanket was set with small coppers which made a noise whenever she moved. She told him to place a copper in front of his house. He met two women named Xomlax a'n'v and Xomtsiw'a in Sksk'e'u. He called all these women his sisters. Kunkum'm's brother and sister settled in Satsq.

TRADITION OF SENXI

Yuvo'lkumu and Qoa'x were sent down by the Sun to the top of the mountain Sqtst. The Sun said to Yuvo'lkumu, "You shall give to the tribes their languages and you shall live in Senxi." When Yuvo'lkumu came down with his sister Nusk'imnu, the Sun gave him the names Anuxem'lux and Sinxido'ot'r'. Qoa'x was very sad and was sitting quite still on the top of the mountain Sqtst. He did not like the earth and wished to return to the sky. He had lost his fire-drill. Then he assumed the shape of a deer and ran up the mountain and while there he found the fire-drill and took it back. At that time there were no trees on the ground only small herbs. Yuvo'lkumu took leaves and made a small hut just large enough to sit in. He lay down to sleep. Very early the next morning he arose and looked outside. Then he saw a large salmon-wen in front of his hut. The Sun said to Yuvo'lkumu, "Lie down on the top beam of the salmon-wen and look into the water. I am going to place a stick in the water as long as a cabin. I shall put on it four ibelone shells. If you should not find it in the water to-morrow morning you may conclude that there are no people like yourself in the world." He did not see the stick on the following morning and concluded that there were no people living higher up the river.

At that time the Sun did not shine very brightly and the Raven thought "I will ascend the river to find a better Sun." He did so and after travelling a long time he came to a house called Kow'msta. He entered, and saw the sun-box hanging from the roof of the house. He cut the rope by which the sun-box was suspended and carried the box away. As soon as he touched the box the present Sun came out of it. Then the Raven returned, and he sang a *sisau'k'* song telling how he liberated the Sun. He took the name Kunkun'm. He travelled on, and came to the house of Yuvo'lkumar, to whom he gave his new name and his *sisau'k'* song. Then the people were very glad that they had a good Sun.

Yuvo'lkumar was very sad because he had no house. The Sun knew his thoughts. One evening he lay down to sleep. Early the next morning he arose and stood near his salmon-weir. When he looked at the middle of the river he saw a bright light. It was the Sun who had come down the river. He beckoned to Yuvo'lkumar who went to meet him. Then the Sun asked: "Why are you sad? To-morrow morning you shall see a house like the one you desire to have. Do not think you are poor. I am going to give you everything you desire. To-morrow morning you shall see a new house standing right here. It will be your property."

When Yuvo'lkumar awoke next morning he looked around and saw the house standing there. It was close to the salmon-weir. The front was painted with the design of the Sun. He entered the house and sat down and thought: "What shall I eat in my new house?" The Sun heard his thoughts. When it grew dark and no food had come to him he lay down and was very sad. On the next morning when he awoke, he heard people singing near his salmon-weir, and when the Sun arose he saw a large canoe tied up at the post of the weir. It was filled with provisions. There were fish of all kinds, and berries. It was the canoe *No'ik'num* or *Nunuk'ut'snum* (bringing food) and the occupants of the boat gave him the song and dance *sqa'lx'ca'li'gin* and they gave him the name *Xc'mtsia*.

TRADITION OF NUK'ITS

Xam'tin'm was sent down by the Sun to *Sauk'isk'oi*. He became the ancestor of the Nuk'its. He acquired the grant *Qoutw'li* as his supernatural helper. The house of the grant was full of copper plates which sounded every morning. He left his house every morning and travelled all over the world carrying away to his house women from all the villages. Then he married them. He gave his copper plates to *Xam'tin'm* who then

^a Compare KATLIE's account of the *Ussy* (p. 114) with that of *Sauk'isk'oi* (p. 114).
The same *Ussy* is mentioned by *Sauk'isk'oi* (p. 114).

took the names *Alix huxma'k* and *Anuk'its'erm*. His last name means "whirlpool," signifying that his house swallows wealth as a whirlpool swallows whatever comes near it.

TRADITION OF NUSQ'IT'ST

Toto'sk ma was sent down to the mountain *Nusq'it'st*, where he built a lodge of caribou-skins. He took the name *Xcmxcmala'c'ila*. At that time the Raven was travelling all over the world in order to see if salmon were living in all the rivers. He met Toto'sk ma, and said to him: "There shall always be salmon in the river *Sa'stmet*."

TRADITION OF NUIE'IX

The Sun sent *Sxumnumlai'x*, *So'nxma*, *Sinox'ai* and their sister *Qunatsla'qs* down from heaven. They were the first *NUIE'IX*. They reached the earth on Mount *Setsk aux*. They brought a salmon-weir with them. They lived in an underground lodge, the entrance to which was in the middle of the roof the floor being reached by a ladder. The woman had a child who was continually crying. One day while she was holding the child in her arms, she looked up and saw looking down the entrance-hole a person whose throat and face were perfectly white. She nudged her husband and called his attention to the person. He looked up and knew at once that it was the *Snenc'iq*. He took his bow and arrows but he did not use. Then he spanned the bow, shot and hit the *Snenc'iq* right in the throat. The latter ~~fell~~ ~~down~~ the roof of the house. Early in the morning the man arose, climbed the ladder and saw the *Snenc'iq* lying dead in the grass, his face turned upward.

The old *Snenc'iq* lived in the mountains. When her son did not return she set out to search for him. She did not find any trace of his body and she gave him up for lost. Just below *Stu'ix* she sat down on a flat rock crying bitterly. She cried *O-uuuu'*. Her cries were so loud that they were heard far away. Four strong men set out to see who was crying. They saw her from a distance and did not dare to ascend the river any farther. They were afraid of her. When they returned and told that they had seen *Snenc'iq* sitting on the bank of the river, all the people were afraid. They did not know what to do. There was one man living in the village who did not participate in their discussion. While all the others were expressing their fears he did not say a word. Early the next morning he put a mat in his canoe, lunched it and went up the river with his steersman. He was not afraid. When he reached the place where the *Snenc'iq* was sitting, he stopped on the bank of the river just opposite her. Then the young man

told his companion that he was going to cross the river to see the Snčnc'iq from near by. He did so, and when he reached her, he touched her feet, and joined in her wails. "After a short time she stopped. Then the young man said, 'I came here because I am your friend.' And she replied, 'I lost my child therefore I sit here wailing.' Then she arose took a copper on which she had been sitting and said, 'My dear, you pitied me, therefore I will give you supernatural powers. I will be your supernatural helper. Look at my house. It is very large, and beautifully painted. When you build a house, decorate it in the same manner, and every thing I have here shall be yours. You shall distribute it among your people. I am now going to Na'us.'"

The young man returned home, carrying the copper in his mat. He told his friends what had happened. Upon his request, they accompanied him to the house of the Snčnc'iq, and helped him to carry down the presents which he had received. Then the young man gave a festival, and distributed the presents among his tribe.

TRADITION OF SUC'IN

The Sun sent down Ahi'ximōt sis ti Sōnx t'ax, Sčxc'm, Xc'mtsjōa, Anuxc'm Kesmi'ō, Nutseqo'ax, and a woman, Kemowa'na, from Nusma'ta. They came down at a place near sunrise called A'itixā'axliks ti Sōnx t'ax. In their house all the languages were written down, and were distributed among the various tribes. Nutseqo'ax did not assume human shape, but remained what he had been in heaven, a wolf. They began to travel down Bella Coola River. Anuxc'm staid at Kōlnalos, near the source of Bella Coola River. Kesmi'ō staid in the country now inhabited by the Γ'aa'nšc (Carriers). The others went down towards the sea over the mountains. Sčxc'm carried their house in a small box. Its name was Nutsaxma'ls. Finally they arrived on Mount Nū'ya. That means 'bare mountain.' They descended to the river and put down the house, and it enlarged until it reached the natural size of a house. A horse-fly was painted around the door and on each side a sun was represented.

TRADITION OF SOISI

The Sun sent Isvū'vot and Xc'mtsiwa down to the mountain Suwa'kx neu Nū't'el. Their sister who came down with them was named Qū'qmi. Xc'mtsiwa and Isvū'vot wore eagle blinkets. When they felt the mountain Suwa'kx, Isvū'vot said to his brother, 'Let us make canoes. If you should finish yours first come to visit me. If I should finish mine first I will come

to see you. Then Isu'vot went down the mountain and settled on the north side of Bella Coola River, at the foot of Mount Sqtsi, where he built a house. He was the first to finish his canoe, and started to go to Nu't'rl. He came to Snuqri'tq, a small river on North Bentinck Arm, where he erected a post. He went on, and came to Qa'nuk, which is opposite to Snuqri'tq. He went on and came to Snokⁿⁱ Sxwaxuc'lk Stsqoa'sma Aaurxum Ka'pai and Tscxots. In all these places he erected posts. Then he saw his brother who was sitting on a log wrapped in his blanket. First he thought that he was an eagle, but soon he recognized him. He thought "Didn't he assume human shape? Did he retain the shape of an eagle which he had in heaven?" Xc'mtsiwa was looking at the river all the time. When Isu'vot reached him he said "Didn't you assume the shape of a man?" His brother replied "No, I could not do so, because this place is too dangerous. I brought down the olachen, but it cannot go up this river." Isu'vot retorted "I have taken possession of a great many places. I erected posts wherever I went." Then Xc'mtsiwa said "That is not right. You ought to take possession of one place only, of the one where you built your first house. Now look at my country." Then Isu'vot saw that the river was disappearing under the mountain Suwa'kx, that it was impossible to ascend it in canoes, and that no fish was in the river. Then Isu'vot said "Let us call some people in order to make this country inhabitable." Then both rose and considered what to do.

At this time Noak'la with his brother Isa'kus and his sister Si'axi'axta'at came down from heaven. They came out of the hole in heaven and intended to descend the river to Nu't'rl, but Noak'la found that the river was exceedingly dangerous and they did not know how to proceed. Then he called Masmasila'nix. He wanted him to make a canoe. Masmasila'nix came down to his assistance and made a canoe which he called Qoigo'us'lor. When they reached the place named A'sk'la, Noak'la's brother and sister landed. They became the ancestors of the tribe of that place. Noak'la himself proceeded down the river and came to the place where it disappeared under the mountain Suwa'kx. Then he asked Masmasila'nix to break the mountain in order to open a way for the river. The brothers Masmasila'nix tried to split the mountain by means of wedges, but they were unable to do so. Then Noak'la called the hiuhau. It came and pecked the mountain with its beak, intending to break it, but it did not succeed. Then he called the xstahs'losim, which is also called x'stut, a snake which lives on the mountains. It crawled about on the mountain Suwa'kx, and where it crawled the mountain split in two, making

The story of the descent of the sun and moon from heaven, which I have here translated, is also told in the Bella Coola legend of the descent of the sun and moon from heaven. The Bella Coola say that when the sun is visible by the mountains, it is the sun which is the sun. (Boas, op. cit. p. 25-44)

a passage for the waters of the river. Then Noak'la descended the river and met Xc'mtsiwa. Now Xc'mtsiwa was happy, because a way had been opened for the river. He threw off his eagle dress, and became a man. Isv'vot returned to Nuxa'lk. His descendants use the eagle mask and the eagle blanket.

TRADITION OF SALSQ

In Salsq lived the chief, Smawu'n, who had descended from heaven to the mountain Yulyul'mi. The name of his youngest son was At osqlmna'x. This young man had a son, whose name was Sö'nxuakas. He wished his son to marry, but the latter refused to do so. Often his father invited girls to the house, but he refused them and sent them back to their parents. Finally his father grew angry and said to him, "Leave my house, if you do not want to marry, and go wherever you please." Then the boy became sad. He went into his room and lay down. He staid in bed for four days, because the words of his father had hurt him. Then he arose and ascended the mountain behind the house. After travelling a long time he came to a river. He followed the course of the river downward. After some time he heard a noise like that produced by the striking-together of two sticks. He crept up cautiously to discover its cause. When he came near enough he saw a log lying on the ground, which was turning all the time, but he saw no living being near by. He also saw an axe chopping it, as though a man were building a canoe, but he did not see any one. He saw the canoe being finished with marvellous rapidity and then moving towards the water. It was sliding over a number of sticks that were lying on the ground, but he did not see any one placing the sticks under the canoe. The young man followed the canoe cautiously. Now it reached the water. He looked down the river and some distance away he saw houses from which smoke was rising. The canoe went down towards the smoke, and landed. Then he saw four men come out of the houses, launch a canoe, and go up the river. They went past him up the river. When they had reached a place a little above him on the opposite side they started to cross, and he thought, "It looks as though they were coming to see me." Soon the canoe landed, and one of the men said to him, "Come aboard. We have known for a long time that you were coming to pay us a visit." He accepted the invitation and they returned to the village. The name of the chief of the village was Ha'mtsi, one of the ancestors of the Gitlop. Masmasal'mix had been making a canoe for him, but had remained invisible to the young man. They went down the river Sxstswax. They landed near the village, and when they entered the house the young man was told to sit down on the right-hand side of the fire. They gave him to eat, and after he had finished eating the chief rose.

took his four daughters, and placed them opposite the young man on the left-hand side of the fire. Then the chief said: "I knew that you were going to visit me, and that you left your home because your father scolded you. Here are my daughters. Point out the one whom you wish to marry." He selected the second one. Her room was in the rear of the house. The front of the room was painted with the design of a whale. Then the chief sent his daughters back into their rooms. He said, "If you had selected my oldest daughter, I should have given you all my traditions, but since you selected the second one I am going to give you part only. Now return to your father, and tell him to come to fetch my daughter."

The young man returned and after a day's journey reached his father's house. After he had staid there one day his father and his tribe went to fetch the girl. They carried much property which they intended to give to Chief Ha'mts-it. When they arrived at the village they staid outside the house, and the chief told his family tradition as is the custom among the Bella Coola. Then they were married.

While they were sitting in the house feasting, they heard whistles in one of the rooms. After a while the sound stopped. Then Ha'mts-it said: "Now you observe that I am a true chief. These whistles belong to me. I give you this box containing my dance ornaments, the whale painting and the whistles. Don't be afraid to sound the whistles. Use them during the *sisu'k*. I am the only one who uses whistles in the *sisu'k*. You are using whistles in the *ku'siut* but not in the *sisu'k*." Then he gave him one side of the river so that the middle line formed the boundary between his own country and that of the young man. Then he filled with grease a large ladle which was curved in the shape of a raven and gave it to the chief. He said: "Heretofore I used this spoon in my feasts but now it belongs to you."

They staid there for four days but the girl did not come out of her room. On the fifth day Ha'mts-it sent them back. Then they prepared their canoes and Ha'mts-it brought the girl out of her room. She carried four small stones. Ha'mts-it said: "I want my daughter to have two of these stones on each foot. They shall be her slaves and they shall assist her when she distributes property." Then they returned to their own village and the young man built a large house.

TRADITION OF ANOTHER VILLAGE

The Sun sent down in eagle named Anutipakimiluk to Mount Isilk (eagle). With him came Isu'ot one other man and one woman whose name I have not been able to learn. The eagle took the

sons of Isu'ot as well as his wife and children to the coast of the

name Sikulkultso't, and built a house. Before he came down from heaven he wrote down the languages of all the different tribes, the cries of the animals, and the songs of the birds, and distributed them. He had a child whose hair was as white as an eagle's head.

TRADITION OF NUSQA'PTS

The Sun sent down Teqō'mnōl, N'uste, Sxo'va and their sister Kimuq'ín. Teqō'mnōl did not want to go to Bella Coola. He preferred to go to Nusqa'pts which is situated on Skeena River. Therefore the Sun took him down to that place. The Nusma'mt (the Tsimshian) saw the place Nusqa'pts which is situated on a small lake, and desired to have it for their own use. Then Teqō'mnōl became angry and fought with the Tsimshian. They killed Teqō'mnōl's brothers. Only Teqō'mnōl himself and his sister Kimuq'ín were saved. They were very sad and went up the River Nusqa'pts to return to the Sun. While Teqō'mnōl was walking up the river he met a Bear, who said to his sister Kimuq'ín: "I want to marry you." — "No," she said. "I do not want to marry. If I should lie down with you, I should always be thinking of my brothers." They came to the source of the river. They saw a person approaching from a distance and soon they recognized the Sun. He asked: "Why did you come here? Are you unhappy?" — "Yes," replied Kimuq'ín. "My brothers have been killed and therefore I came up the river to see you." Then the Sun said: "We will go up to heaven." He took her up and married her. The next morning the woman had a son who was called Sqot ("wasp"). It grew night and it grew day again and the boy had grown very much so that he was quite tall. Then the Sun said to his wife: "I want you to return with your son. If the people want to attack you again, tell the boy to use this bow, and let him shoot upward making a chain of arrows which will reach downward from the sky."

Then Kimuq'ín and her son returned to the earth. One morning the boy went out to play with the other children of the village in which they were living. Some of the children pushed him and the boy said: "Don't do that else my father will be angry. He told me so." Then the children laughed and said: "Who's your father?" Sqot replied: "The Sun is my father." One of his playfellows reported: "How is it that your father is so beautiful and you are so ugly?" and they all maltreated him. He cried and went back to his mother's house. He said: "I am going to shoot my arrows toward the sky that my father may know how the people have maltreated me." Early the next morning he took his bow and shot an arrow towards the sky. It stuck there. Then he shot another one which hit the notch of the first arrow. Thus he continued until he had made a chain of arrows.

Then he climbed up to the sky, went to his father and said, "My play-fellows maltreated me." After he had reached his father's house, he gathered up his arrows. The Sun said to his son, "To-morrow I shall punish those who maltreated you." Then he stretched his eyelashes down to Kimitqa'n's house, and told his boy to descend along them. Early the next morning the Sun looked at the house of the people who had maltreated the boy. Then he wiped his torchid, and the perspiration fell upon the house. It caught fire at once. The floor of the house became red-hot and the people rushed outside. They jumped into the water, but the water began to boil. Only Kimitqa'n's house did not burn. She stepped out of the door, looked at the people and said, "I am glad to see that you are being punished." The people perished in the water of the lake. Then the Sun wiped his face again and the fire ceased to burn. Now the people who had escaped knew that the boy was the Sun's son. They treated him kindly, and since that time they have increased in number.

TRADITION OF NA'US

Anoxema'ixots, Spinpatna'n, O'mearkas, O'mearmai, and Nana'tskuit were sent down to Na'us. They desired to move to Nuxa'lk' and travelled overland until they reached the mountain Nusq'i'tst where they found stones for making axes. At that time the bird Qle'x'ina was living on Nusq'i'tst. He was frightened away by the arrival of Anoxema'ixots and his brothers and went to Mount Smaya'na which is between the headwaters of Kingcombe Inlet and Bella Coola River. He made the salmon ascend Bella Coola River up to Mount Smaya'na.

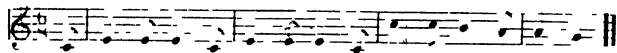
One winter Anoxema'ixots's brothers went out in their canoe to fish by the light of torches. Suddenly an avalanche came down Mount Nusq'i'tst burying the village and killing Anoxema'ixots. One man who was living in this village had a post to which a copper was fastened. His house was not destroyed by the avalanche and when the brothers returned they heard him shouting and dug him out.

I obtained another curious tradition referring to Nana'tskuit. Nana'tskuit lived at Na'us which is near Kingcombe Inlet. His brothers were Qo'mogova and Qouts'ais the River. His sisters were Napi'kine'tu and P'ixane'xis. They left their home and travelled for a long time until they reached S'mvot on the lake above Rivers Inlet. There they found a small river. The Raven thought, "Why is this river so small and the lake so large?" The Raven went up the river and discovered the cause. He found that the Beavers had dimmed the whole river. He broke the beaver-dams.

and the river increased very much in size. He saw the Beavers swimming by in the river and he caught them. Then they went down the river. When they reached its mouth Nana'tskuit took out a small house, which he put down. It increased in size at once, and became as large as a real house. He placed a post in front of the house and put an eagle on top of it. They settled at this place.

The Raven however, wished to travel all over the world. He spread his wings and departed. After some time he saw a copper. He alighted on top of it and sat there with spread wings. His wings measured one fathom. The chief of this country was named Tai'taim ("copper"). He heard the noise of the Raven alighting. He arose and went out. He said to the Raven: "Why do you sit here? Come into my house. If you so desire, you may have this whole country for your own." The Raven entered the house. The interior of the house shone like fire. He was made to sit down in the rear of the house and was treated well. They offered him all kinds of food but he did not eat. Early in the morning however he ate copper plates. Tai'taim gave the Raven the sisau'k dance, and gave him the names ia'qoagila and Tai'taim.

Then the Raven returned. When he reached the house of his brother he gave him two copper plates, asking him to use them as ornaments, and told him to use the Raven mask when dancing the sisau'k. Following is his song:



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Then the Raven went up the river again. He saw a place which looked green and blue all over, and he desired very much to obtain possession of this beautiful color. When he came near he saw that the ground was covered with abalone shells. He alighted. The chief of this country was called P'ixine'mx (abalone man). He saw the Raven sitting on the shells and invited him to come into his house, and he offered him the shells, saying that he might use them in his dance. Then he gave the Raven his hut. It was covered all over with abalone shells. He told him to wear his hut while dancing the sisau'k and gave him his name Nonukomō'slux. Then he sent him back. When he reached his brother's house he gave him a great many abalone shells.

to free their canoe. But the Crane hauled in his line and pulled the canoe ashore. Then the Crane said to the chief of the canoe, "I caught your canoe." The chief replied "If you have succeeded in doing so, you have obtained me as your supernatural helper. This is the canoe 'Nó'ak nēm'. We carry food all over the world. What do you wish to have? Do you wish to have my box? You may have it. It is always full." But the Crane did not reply. He wished to have the chief's song. After a while the chief asked, "Do you wish to have my song?" Then the Crane replied in the affirmative and the chief gave him the names Ka'mspōxtamēm and Spu'xpuxtēmēm.

The Crane returned to his house, and sang the song which he had obtained. The canoe returned to its own country. When the Crane approached the house, the Eagle cried with a different noise because he knew that the Crane had obtained supernatural power. Then he entered, and said to the Raven, "I have found supernatural power, and captured a large canoe, and the chief of the canoe gave me his song and his dance, and he told me the name of the canoe. Take what I have found. The dance is called sqa'lxoalēm. When you perform this dance, use my mask. You shall never cease using this dance and you shall give it to your children and to your children's children."

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Before I begin to discuss these legends I will give a number of traditions in detail some of which illustrate the beliefs set forth in the preceding remarks while others furnish important points of view for an investigation on the origin of the mythology of the tribe.

THE SALMON

In a place named K'ipots near Seneh on Bella Coola River there used to be a salmon-weir. A chief lived at this place whose name was Sano'k'pt (satuted) and Si'mak (salmon-weir). His wife's name was Atsqato't. One day she was cutting salmon on the bank of the river. When she opened the last salmon she found a small boy in it. She took him out and washed him in the river. She placed him near by entered the house and said to the people, "Come and see what I have found in my salmon!" She had a child in her house which was still in the cradle. The little boy whom she had found was half as long as her fore-arm. She

For the purpose of this investigation the following were the names of the persons who were consulted: K'ipots, Seneh, Bella Coola, B. C.

carried him into the house, and the people advised her to take good care of him. She nursed him with her own baby. When the people were talking in the house, the baby looked around as though he understood what they were saying. On the following day the people were surprised to see how much he had grown and in a few days he was as tall as an ordinary child. Her own baby also grew up with marvellous rapidity. She gave each of them one breast. After a few days they were able to walk and to talk.

The boys went to play on the bank of the river, and the Salmon boy said: "Let us make a little hut and play there. We will make two-pointed arrows and shoot birds." When the hut was completed, he sent the other boy back. He asked his friend to return at noon, and instructed him to shout when approaching the hut. He said, "You must always shout before you enter this hut. If you should ever forget to do so I shall die. Then you must carry me to the water and place me on sticks. Then watch from a distance and see what will happen. Then he hid in the hut while his companion departed. At noon the latter returned in his canoe. When some distance from the hut he shouted. Soon he reached there and found the hut full of birds which the Salmon boy threw into the canoe almost filling it. The boy returned to his father's house, and the people helped him unload the canoe. They built a large fire in the house, heated stones and boiled water in which they cooked the birds. On the following day the Salmon boy went again to his hut to shoot birds but he did not catch any thing. The day after he again asked his friend to come in his canoe to meet him. The hut was full of birds and he filled the whole canoe. Thus he continued filling the boy's canoe with birds on alternate days. The people of the town were well provided with meat.

One day when the boy approached the hut in his canoe he did not shout. He landed without making any noise and went ashore. Suddenly he opened the door of the hut and said: "Let us go home." When he looked about he saw a salmon lying on the floor almost dead and quivering and it was emitting pieces of quartz. Then the boy was afraid. He returned to his mother and said to her: "I forgot my brother's command and opened the door too quickly and found him dead." The people went to the hut, carried the salmon to the water and placed it on sticks. The boy watched from a distance. He saw a canoe coming up the river, which was manned by many people. He thought: "It looks as though they were coming to see my brother." When the boat reached the place where the dead Salmon lay one of the occupants of the canoe said: "We come to fetch you." "Hm!" said the Salmon. He arose and went aboard. Then his brother shouted: "Wait for me! I will join you." The Salmon boy said to the steersman: "Keep near the bank of the river." The boy ran down to the bank and jumped aboard, then the canoe turned going down the river. The

other people in the canoe were unable to see him. They proceeded down the river, and finally arrived in the country of the Salmon. When they landed, they discovered the boy. One of them said, "Is not the Spring Salmon his mother?" The Salmon boy replied, "He is my brother."

The next day they proceeded on their journey, and the Salmon boy said to his brother, "Do not be afraid when we reach the shore of the next country, which is not far from here. There is a strong smell. Take a long breath before we reach it, and cover your nose with your hands." Then they reached the country of the Smelt. There was an overpowering stench off the coast, but he obeyed his brother's commands, took a long breath, covered his nose with his hands, and thus passed unharmed. Now the Salmon boy said, "Do not be afraid when we are passing the next place. Something will fall upon us like snow. Then shake yourself that you may not be harmed." Soon they reached the place of the Herring's, and scales were falling in great numbers, but the boy shook himself, and the scales did not harm him. Now the Salmon boy said to his brother, "The next place that we shall reach is a very good one." When they reached the place, they found every thing covered with grease. It was the village of the Olachen. Then the Salmon boy said, "We are not very far from another village. It stands on a nice opening and is a beautiful place to look at. You will see many children playing behind the houses." Soon they reached his place. Here they landed and the Salmon boy ordered the other people to go on while he himself staid there with his brother. It was the country of the Salmon. It was a large country. In the first house lived the Spring Salmon in the second house the Sockeye Salmon in the following the Hump-back Salmon. The Calico Salmon the Dog Salmon the Cohoes Salmon — all lived there. Many canoes were on the bank of the river. Now they found the children who were playing behind the houses. One of the children said, "I smell something strange that does not belong to our country. It smells just like the country where we go every spring. They did not see the boy."

The two young men were passing by the houses, and looked into the doorways. There was a house in the centre of this town, there they saw a beautiful girl sitting in the middle of the house. Her hair was red and reached down to the floor. She was very white. Her eyes were large and is clear as rock crystal. The boy fell in love with the girl. They went on, but his thoughts were with her. The Salmon boy said, "I am going to enter this house. You must watch closely what I do, and imitate me." The Door of this house tries to bite every one who enters. The Door opened, and the Salmon jumped into the house. Then the Door snapped but missed him. When it opened again the boy jumped into the house. They found a number of people inside who invited them to sit down. They spread

food before them, but the boy did not like the food. It had a very strong smell, and looked rather curious. It consisted of algae that grow on logs that lie in the river. When the boy did not touch it, one of the men said to him: "Maybe you want to eat those two children. Take them down to the river and throw them into the water but do not look." The two children arose, and he took them down to the river. Then he threw them into the water without looking at them. At the place where he had thrown them down he found a male and a female Salmon. He took them up to the house and roasted them. The people told him to preserve the intestines and the bones carefully. After he had eaten one of the men told him to carry the intestines and the bones to the same place where he had thrown the children into the water. He carried them in his hands, and threw them into the river without looking. When he entered the house, he heard the children following him. The girl was covering one of her eyes with her hand. The boy was limping, because he had lost one of his bones. Then the people looked at the place where the boy had been sitting and they found the eye and a bone from the head of the male salmon. They ordered the boy to throw these into the water. He took the children and the eye and the bone and threw them into the river. Then the children were hale and well.

After a while the youth said to his Salmon brother, "I wish to go to the other house where I saw the beautiful girl." They went there, and he said to his Salmon brother, "Let us enter. I should like to see her face well." They went in. When the man arose and spread a caribou blanket for them to sit on and the people gave them food. Then he whispered to his brother, "Tell the girl I want to marry her." The Salmon boy told the girl, who smiled and said, "He must not marry me. Whoever marries me must die. I like him and I do not wish to kill him, but if he wishes to die let him marry me. He may lie down by my side but he must not cohabit with me." *Tum ad litus ut ubi lapides duos sustulit longos et rotundos. Cum advesperasset lipidibus sub brachio cecidit eubiculum ingressus cum uxore decubuit. Salmonaceus puer utem cum cum ingredientem vidisset cum prorsus perisse existimabit. Deinde adolescens ille cum uxore coire conabatur sed cum his verbis, repellit. Num mori cupis? Fie finem orandi nam tui me miseret. Tum ille respondit. Num me mortalem tantum unum e multis esse putas? Immo illae praecae similis ego sum. Numquam igitur moriar. Sic postquam adolescens impetravit ut mulier precibus superata cum secum coire conaretur statim unum e lipidibus mulieris in vaginam inseruit. Vagina autem dentibus armata est qui lipidem momorderunt et moliebant donec prope decessit est. Cum adolescens haec in advertisset, lapide hoc exempto alterum in locum eius in vaginam condidit. Dentes tum prope consumpti erant quam ob rem*

lupidem huc illic torquere incipiebat nec desit dum prorsus eos sustulisset. Quod cum fecisset hoc lapide item remoto penem iam inseruit. Hunc mulier arripuit sed nihil ei nocuit, dentes enim iam nulli fuerunt. Mox adulescentis amore flagrans mulier eum e lecto surgere non patiebatur. Item postridie mane cum ceteri mortales e lectis surrexissent, mulier ipsa e cubiculo exiit sed virum lecto haerere cogebat. Tum salmonaccus puer perterritus eam interrogavit. "Occidistine fratrem meum? Contine tecum." Respondit mulier. "Sane mecum coit nec mortuus est." Puer autem ei credere nolebat, sed cum cubiculum ingressus esset fratrem virum et incolumem vidit.

The woman was the Salmon-berry Bird. After one day she gave birth to a boy, and on the following day she gave birth to a girl. She was the daughter of the Spring Salmon.

After a while the girl's father said, "Let us launch our canoe, and let us carry the young man back to his own people." He sent a messenger to call all the people of the village, and they all made themselves ready, and early the next morning they started in their canoes. The young man went in the canoe of the Spring Salmon which was the fastest. The canoe of the Sock-eye Salmon came next. The people in the canoe of the Calico Salmon were laughing all the time. They went up the river, and a short distance below the village of the young man's father they landed and made fast their canoes. Then they sent two messengers up the river to see if the people had finished their salmon-weir. Soon they returned with information that the weir had been finished. Then they sent the young man and his wife, and they gave them a great many presents for the young man's father.

The watchman who was stationed at the salmon-weir saw two beautiful salmon entering the trap. They were actually the canoes of the salmon, but they looked to him like two salmon. Then the watchman put the traps down over the weir and he saw a great many fish entering them. He raised the trap when it was full and took the fish out. The young man thought, "I wish he would treat me and my wife carefully," and his wish came true. The man broke the heads of the other salmon, but he saved the young man and his wife. Then he carried the fish up to the house and hung them over a pole. During the night the young man and his wife resumed their human shape. The youth entered his father's house. His head was covered with eagle-down. He said to his father, "I am the fish whom you caught yesterday. Do you remember the time when you lost me? I have lived in the country of the Salmon. The Salmon accompanied me here. They are staying a little further down the river. It pleases the Salmon to see the people eating fish." And turning to his mother he continued, "You must be careful when cutting Salmon. Never break any of their bones, but preserve them, and throw them into the water." The two

children of the young man had also entered into the salmon-trap. He put some leaves on the ground, placed red and white cedar-bark over them, and covered them with eagle-down, and he told his mother to place the Salmon upon these¹ As soon as he had given these instructions, the Salmon began to come up the river. They crossed the weir and entered the traps. They went up the river as far as Stó'ix, and the people dried the Salmon according to his instructions. They threw the bones into the water, and the Salmon returned to life, and went back to their own country leaving their meat behind. The Cohoes Salmon had the slowest canoe, and therefore he was the last to reach the villages. He gave many presents to the Indians. He gave them many-colored leaves, and thus caused the leaves of the trees to change color in the autumn.

Now all the Salmon had returned. The Salmon-berry Bird and her children had returned with them. Then the young man made up his mind to build a small hut from which he intended to catch eagles. He used a long pole, to which a noose was attached. The eagles were baited by means of Salmon. He spread a mat in his little house and when he had caught an eagle he pulled out its down. He accumulated a vast amount of down. Then he went back to his house and asked his younger brother to accompany him. When they came to the hut which he had used for catching eagles he gave the boy a small staff. Then he said to him, "Do not be sorry when I leave you. I am going to visit the Sun. I am not going to stay away a long time. I stand long in the country of the Salmon but I shall not stay long in heaven. I am going to lie down on this mat. Cover me with this down and then begin to beat time with your staff. You will see a large feather flying upward, then stop." The boy obeyed and every thing happened as he had said. The boy saw the feather flying in wide circles. When it reached a great height it began to soar in large circles and finally disappeared in the sky. Then the boy cried and went back to his mother.

The young man who had ascended to heaven found there a large house. It was the House of Myths. There he resumed his human shape and peeped in at the door. Inside he saw a number of people who were turning their faces toward the wall. They were sitting on a low platform in the rear of the house. In the right-hand corner of the house he saw a large fire and women sitting around it. He leaned forward and looked into the

¹ This custom prevails to this day. When the first summer eagle is stuck with white cedar bark sticks in the ground to be taken to grave. A specimen of this stick is in the Museum of the University of California. After the salmon are caught and the salmon after they have been caught are stringed up in the water. The white Indians spread pieces of skins of eagle in the ground which are covered with a large coarse mat made of cedar bark. On this mat pieces of white cedar bark is placed as a pillow for the salmon. The people say that a dream of a woman said to be in a canoe across it. Then they take small strips of cedar bark and offer them to the sun, saying, "E-pax, it-ax, yun-xim, in-ic. Take this salmon yun-xim-lu-as in it to bring to the Salmon." Next they show eagle with its head in which is placed with its head on the cedar bark. All the salmon they catch are caught on the side of the cedar bark. Then they are piled up to be hung and roasted.

house. An old woman discovered him, and beckoned him to come to her. He stepped up to her, and she warned him by signs not to go to the rear of the house. She said, "Be careful! The men in the rear of the house intend to harm you." She opened a small box, and gave him the bladder of a mountain-goat, which contained the cold wind. She told him to open the bladder if they should attempt to harm him. She said that if he opened it, no fire could burn him. She told him that the men were going to place him near the fire in order to burn him, that one of them would wipe his face, then fire would come forth from the floor, scorching every thing. The old woman told him every thing that the people were going to do. Her name was Snūk'ulx'a'ls, or Atq'ālai'xēlx. Now the man in the rear of the house turned round. He was the Sun himself. He was going to try the strength of the visitor. When he saw the young man, he said to Snūk'ulx'a'ls, "Did anybody come to visit you? Let the young man come up to me. I wish him to sit down near me." The young man stepped up to the Sun, and as soon as he had sat down, the Sun wiped his face and looked at the young man (he had turned his face while he was wiping it). Then the young man felt very hot. He tied his blanket tightly round his body, and opened the bladder which the woman had given him. Then the cold wind that blows down the mountains in the winter was liberated and he felt cool and comfortable. The Sun had not been able to do him any harm. The old man did not say any thing, but looked at his visitor.

After a while he said, "I wish to show you a little underground house that stands behind this house." They both rose and went outside. The small house had no door. Access was had to it by an opening in the centre of the roof through which a ladder led down to the floor. Not a breath of air entered this house. It was made of stone. When they had entered, the Sun made a small fire in the middle of the house, then he climbed up the ladder and closed the door leaving his visitor inside. The Sun pulled up the ladder in order to make escape impossible. Then the house began to grow very hot. When the boy felt that he could not stand the heat any longer he opened the bladder, and the cold wind came out, snow began to fall on the fire which was extinguished, icicles began to form on the roof and it was cool and comfortable inside. After a while the Sun said to his four daughters, "Go to the little underground house that stands behind our house and sweep it," meaning that they were to remove the remains of the young man whom he believed to be burned. They obeyed at once, each being eager to be the first to enter. When they opened the house they were much surprised to find icicles hanging down from the roof.

They climbed down the ladder and the youth, looking up, saw their genitalia. When they were coming down, he arose and scratched them.

The youngest girl was the last to step down. The girls cried when the youth touched them, and ran away. The Sun heard their screams, and asked the reason. He was much surprised and annoyed to hear that the young man was still alive. Then he devised another way of killing his visitor. He told his daughters to call him into his house. They went, and the young man re-entered the House of Myths. In the evening he lay down to sleep. Then the Sun said to his daughters, "Early to-morrow morning climb the mountain behind our house & I shall tell the boy to follow you." The girls started while the visitor was still asleep. The girls climbed up to a small meadow which was near a precipice. They had taken the form of mountain-goats. When the Sun saw his daughters on the meadow he called to his visitor, saying, "See those mountain-goats!" The young man arose when he saw the mountain-goats. He wished to kill them. The Sun advised him to walk up the right-hand side of the mountain, saying that the left-hand side was dangerous. The young man carried his bow and arrow. The Sun said, "Do not use your own arrows! Mine are much better." Then they exchanged arrows, the Sun giving him four arrows of his own. The points of these arrows were made of coal. Now the young man began to climb the mountain. When he came up to the goats he took one of the arrows, unced it and shot. It struck the animal but fell down without killing it. The same happened with the other arrows. When he had spent all his arrows they rushed up to him from the four sides intending to kill him. His only way of escape was in the direction of the precipice. They rushed up to him and pushed him down the steep mountain. He fell headlong but when he was halfway down he transformed himself into a ball of birds down. He lighted gently on a place covered with many stones. There he resumed the shape of a man, arose and ran into the house of the Sun to get his own arrows. He took them, climbed the mountain again and found the mountain-goats on the same meadow. He shot them and killed them and threw them down the precipice, then he returned. He found the goats at the foot of the precipice and cut off their feet. He took them home. He found the Sun sitting in front of the house. He offered him the feet saying, "Count them, and see how many I have killed." The Sun counted them and now he knew that all his children were dead. Then he cried, "You killed my children!" Then the youth took the bodies of the goats, fitted the feet on and threw the bodies into a little river that was running past the place where they had fallen down. Thus they were restored to life. He had earned this out in the country of the Salmon. Then he said to the girls, "Now run to see your father! He is waiting for you. They give him a new name saying, 'St'umstildostux, his restored us to life.'" The boy followed them. Then the Sun said when he entered, "You shall marry my two eldest daughters."

On the next morning the people arose. Then the Sun said to them, "What shall I do to my son-in-law?" He called him and said, "Let us raise the trap of my salmon-weir." They went up to the river in the Sun's canoe. The water of the river was boiling. The youth was in the bow of the canoe while the Sun was steering. He caused the canoe to rock, intending to throw the young man into the water. The water formed a small cascade, running down over the weir. He told the young man to walk over the top of the weir in order to reach the trap. He did so, walking over the top beam of the weir. When he reached the baskets, the beam fell over and he himself fell into the water. The Sun saw him rise twice in the whirlpool just below the weir. When he did not see him rise again, he turned his canoe and thought "Now the boy has certainly gone to Nuskva'ck." The Sun returned to his house, and said to his daughters, "I lost my son-in-law in the river. I was not able to find him. Then his daughters were very sad.

When the boy disappeared in the water he was carried to Nuskva'ck, and he resumed the shape of a salmon while in the water, and as soon as he landed he resumed human shape and returned to his wife. The Sun saw him coming and was much surprised. In the evening they went to sleep. On the following morning the Sun thought "How can I kill my son-in-law?" After a while he said to him "Arise! We will go and split wood for fuel." He took his tools. They launched their canoe, and went down the river to the sea. When they reached there it was perfectly calm. There were many snags embedded in the mud in the mouth of the river, some of which were only half submerged. They selected one of these snags a long distance from the shore, and began to split it. Then the Sun intentionally dropped his hammer into the water and thought at the same time, "Do not fall straight down but fall sideways so that he will have much difficulty in finding you." Then he sat down in his canoe and said "Oh! I lost my old hammer. I had it at the time when the Sun was created." He looked down into the water and did not say a word. After a while he said to the young man "Do you know how to dive? Can you get my hammer? The water is not very deep here." The young man did not reply. Then the Sun continued "I will not go back without my hammer." Then the boy said "I know how to dive. If you so wish I will try to get it." The Sun promised to give him supernatural power if he was able to bring the hammer back. The youth jumped into the water and then the Sun ordered the sea to rise and he called the cold wind to make the water freeze. It grew so cold that a sheet of ice a fathom thick was formed at once on top of the sea. "Now he thought 'I certainly have killed you!'" He left his canoe frozen up in the ice and went home. He said to his daughters, "I have lost my son-in-law. He drifted away when the cold winds began to

blow down the mountains. I have also lost my little hammer. But when he mentioned his hammer, his daughters knew at once what had happened. The young man found the hammer, and after he had obtained it he was going to return to the canoe, but he struck his head against the ice, and was unable to get out. He tried everywhere to find a crack. Finally he found a very narrow one. He transformed himself into a fish, and came out of the crack. He jumped about on the ice in the form of a fish, and finally resumed his own shape. He went back to the Sun's house, carrying the hammer. The Sun was sitting in front of the fire, his knees drawn up, and his legs apart. His eyes were closed, and he was warming himself. The young man took his hammer and threw it right against his stomach, saying, "Now take better care of your treasures." The young man scolded the Sun, saying, "Now stop trying to kill me. If you try again, I shall kill you. Do you think I am an ordinary man? You cannot conquer me." The Sun did not reply. In the evening he said to his son-in-law, "I hear a bird singing which I should like very much to have." The young man asked, "What bird is it?" The Sun replied, "I do not know it. Watch it curly to-morrow morning." The young man resolved to catch the bird. Very early in the morning he arose, then he heard the bird singing outside. —



He knew it once that it was the sku'latin (ptarmigan). He left the house, and thought, "I wish you would come down." Then the bird came down, and when it was quite near by he shot it. He hit one of its wings, intending to catch it alive. He waited for the Sun to arise. The bird understood what the young man said, who thus spoke, "The chief here wishes to see you. Do not be afraid, I am not going to kill you. The chief has often tried to kill me, but he has been unable to do so. You do not need to be afraid." The young man continued, "When it is dark I shall tell the Sun to ask you to sit near him, and when he is asleep I want you to peck out his eyes." When the Sun arose the youth went into the house carrying the bird, saying, "I have caught the bird, now I hope you will treat it kindly. It will awaken us when it is time to arise. When you lie down let it sit down near you, then it will call you in the morning." In the evening the Sun asked the bird to sit down next to his face. When he was asleep the bird pecked out his eyes without his knowing it. Early in the morning he heard the bird singing. He was going to open his eyes, but he was not able to do so. Then he called his son saying, "The bird has blinded me." The young man jumped up and went to his father-in-law, and

said "Why did you wish for the bird? Do you think it is good? It is a bad bird. It has pecked out your eyes." He took the bird and carried it outside, and thanked it for having done as it was bidden. Then the bird flew away. When it was time for the Sun to start on his daily course he said, "I am afraid I might fall, because I cannot see my way." For four days he staid in his house. He did not eat, he was very sad. Then his son-in-law made up his mind to cure him. He did not do so before, because he wanted to punish him for his badness. He took some water, and said to his father-in-law "I will try to restore your eyesight." He threw the water upon his eyes, and at once his eyes were healed and well. He said, "Now you can see what power I have. The water with which I have washed my face has the power to heal diseases. While I was in the country of the Salmon, I bathed in the water in which the old Salmon bathed, in order to regain youth therefore the water in which I wash makes every thing young and well." From this time on, the Sun did not try to do any harm to the young man.

Finally he wished to return to his father's village. He left the house, and jumped down through the hole in heaven. His wife saw him being transformed into a ball of eagle-down which floated down gently. Then her father told her to climb as quickly as she could down his eyelashes. She did so and reached the ground at the same time as her husband. He met his younger brother who did not recognize him. He had been in heaven for one year.

THE SNEC'IQ

Once upon a time there was a youth whose name was Anutxo'ots who was playing with a number of girls behind the village. While they were playing a noise like the cracking of twigs was heard in the woods. The noise came nearer and nearer. The youth hid behind a tree and saw that a Senc'iq was approaching. She was chewing gum which caused the noise. He advised the children to run away, but they did not obey. When they saw the gum they stepped up to the Senc'iq and asked her to give them some. The Senc'iq gave a piece of gum to all the children, and when she saw Anutxo'ots who was advising the children to return home she took him and threw him into the basket which she was carrying on her back. Then she took all the other children and threw them on top of him into her basket. After she had done so she turned homeward. Then Anutxo'ots whispered to the girls to take off their cedar-bark blankets and to escape through a hole that he was going to cut in the basket. He took his knife, cut a hole in the bottom of the basket and fell down. The girls also fell down one by one until only one of them was left.

All the children returned home and told their parents what had happened. The mother of the girl who had not been able to escape began to cry, mourning for her daughter. She cried for four days and four nights. Then her nose began to swell, because she had been rubbing it all the time. She had thrown the mucus of her nose on the ground. Now when she looked down, she saw that something was moving at the place where it had fallen. She watched it from the corners of her eyes, and soon she discovered that her mucus was assuming the shape of a little child. The next time she looked, the child had grown to the size of a new-born baby. Then the woman took it up and the child began to cry. She carried it into the house and washed the baby for four days. Then the child who was very pretty and had red hair began to speak and said: "My father the Sun sent me to ask you to stop crying. I shall go out into the woods but pray don't cry for I am sent to recover your daughter. I know where she is. Make a small salmon-spear for me, which I shall need." Thus spoke the boy.

Then the woman asked an old man to make a salmon-spear which she gave to her son. His mother gave him ear-rings made of abalone shells, and the boy played about with his spear and always wore his ear ornaments. One day when his mother was crying again the boy said, "Mother I ask you once more don't cry for my father the Sun sent me down to bring back your daughter. He will show me where she is. I shall start to-day to recover my sister from the Snenc'iq who stole her. Don't worry about me." Then the boy went up the river Qu'ina. After he had gone some distance he came to a tree which overhung the river. He climbed it and looked down in order to see if there were any fish in the water. Soon he heard a noise some distance up the stream and gradually it sounded nearer. Then he saw the Snenc'iq coming down the river. When she reached the tree she stopped and looked down into the clear water. She saw the image of the boy who was sitting on the tree, and thought it was her own reflection. She said, "How pretty I am!" and she brushed her hair back out of her face. When she did so the boy imitated her movements in order to make her believe that she was looking at her own reflection. When she laughed he laughed also in order to deceive her. But at last the Snenc'iq looked upward and saw the boy sitting in the tree. Then she addressed him with kindly words and asked him to come down. She said, "What did your mother do in order to make you so pretty?" The boy replied, "You cannot endure the treatment I had to undergo in order to become as pretty as I am." The Snenc'iq begged, "Oh come down and aid me. I am willing to stand even the greatest pain in order to become as pretty as you are. What are you doing up there?" Then the boy said, "I was watching for salmon which I desire to harpoon with my

salmon-spear" The Snenc'iq repeated, "Oh, come down, and do with me whatever you please in order to make me as pretty as you are." The boy replied, "I don't believe you can endure the wounds that I have to inflict upon you." She replied, "You may cut me as much as you please. I want to become as pretty as you are." Then the boy climbed down the tree, and the Snenc'iq asked, "What must we do first?" He said, "We must go up this river Anu'xumme to find two stone knives with which my mother used to cut off my head." They walked up the river, and found the stone knives. Then the boy said to the Snenc'iq, "Now lie down on this stone. Put your neck on this knife." The Snenc'iq did as she was bidden. Then the boy took the other knife, told the Snenc'iq to shut her eyes and cut off her head. The head jumped back to the body and was about to unite with it, when the boy passed his hands over the wound, and thus prevented the severed head from joining the body again. Thus he had killed her.

Then he went to the Snenc'iq's house. He found his sister whom the Snenc'iq had killed and smoked over her fire. He took the body down and put it all over with his hands. Thus he resuscitated the girl. On looking around in the house he found the dried bodies of other children whom he also brought back to life. Then he took the girl and the other children home.

Now the boy was grown up. His mother was very glad. She wanted him to marry. She selected a girl to be his wife. They built a house. He ordered his wife to sleep in the bedroom on the right in the rear corner of the house while he himself slept in the left-hand rear corner. After four days his wife had a son, who grew up very fast. One day the young man said to his mother, "Do you know my name?" "Do you know whose son I am?" His mother replied that she did not know. Then he said, "My name is Son of the Sun. It is now time for me to return to my father. Don't allow any one to harm my son, for I shall guard him, and don't feel sorry about me when I disappear. Now go and gather some eagle-down." His mother went from house to house begging the people to give her some eagle-down. The people brought it to her house. Once more he charged his mother to guard his son well and he threatened to take revenge upon any person who should harm him. He continued, "Don't mourn about me, for to-morrow I shall go home to my father who sent me to recover your daughter. He heard you crying and wanted me to come to your assistance." His mother replied, "I shall try not to mourn for you but you know that I have loved you ever since you were born. I love you now on account of your works." Then the son of the Sun continued, "My son shall take my name."

On the following morning he carried the eagle-down out of the house. He placed it on the ground, and all the people assembled to see what

would happen. He told his boy to beat time on a board, and at once the eagle-down began to ascend to the sky like smoke. He jumped into the down and was wafted upward. The people noticed a strong wind blowing upward and the young man had disappeared.

THE SNEŃ'IQ'

Once upon a time the people of Qo'mqūts found that the bodies from their burial-ground were being carried away. They accused one another of robbing the graves. In one of their disputes a man by the name of Kxua'nai arose and said: "I do not think that any human being is robbing our graveyards. Our ancestors told us that the Sñeñ'iq (Plate VII Fig. 7) carries away the bodies. I will pretend to be dead and you shall bury me. Then I shall discover who is carrying away the bodies." His sister begged him not to do so but he persisted. Then the tribe agreed to it. They placed him in a box and carried him to the graveyard. Then his sister and all the women began to wail as is customary: "Ananai' qamatsu'" ("Ananai' my dear"). In the evening one of Kxua'nai's friends hid near the grave. After a while he saw a large black being approaching the grave. It was the Sñeñ'iq who broke the box, took out the man, threw him into the basket that he carried on his shoulders, and started to go up the river. Then Kxua'nai's friend shouted: "Hold on to the branches of the trees! We will try to rescue you." Then he ran back to the village and aroused the people. They took up their torches and started in search of the tracks of the Sñeñ'iq.

Kxua'nai watched his opportunity and when he saw the branch of a tree overhanging the trail he held on to it, but the Sñeñ'iq pulled with all his strength, thus compelling Kxua'nai to let go his hold. Then the Sñeñ'iq fell down forward, his basket tumbled over his head, and the man dropped to the ground. Then the Sñeñ'iq broke wind and the man began to smile. The Sñeñ'iq observed that he was moving and said: "Is this a dead salmon?" (qimxamilau' nuqtwixi' he called the man a salmon). The Sñeñ'iq put his hand on the man's chest in order to feel if the latter were breathing. Then Kxua'nai kept perfectly quiet and as soon as the Sñeñ'iq felt re-assured that the man was dead he threw him into his basket and went off again.

When the day dawned the Sñeñ'iq arrived at his house. There he placed the man on the floor. Kxua'nai blinked with his eyes and saw the old Sñeñ'iq, his wife, and his two young ones sitting round the fire. On the left-hand side of the door there was a harpoon. He resolved to try to take this harpoon if he should succeed in making his escape. Then the

young Snenc'iqs stepped up to the man, took hold of his testicles, and said "These will be our ear ornaments." But the old Snenc'iq remarked, "Don't say that. I am not sure if this is the right kind of salmon. I never caught anything like it. It was so heavy that I was hardly able to reach our house." He sharpened his knife, spread a mat on the floor close to the man, and placed the latter on it. Then he blew on the man's chest, as the Indians do when they begin to cut a bear. As soon as he began to cut the blood flowed. Kxua'nai jumped up, clapped his hands together, and the four Snenc'iqs were so much frightened that they all fainted. Kxua'nai took the harpoon and ran out of the house down the mountain. When he had almost reached Bilqula River, he heard the Snenc'iq, who was pursuing him. The monster was about to overtake him. Then the man jumped into the river for the Snenc'iq is unable to swim. Finally Kxua'nai went ashore again, and reached his own village.

He invited the people to his house, told them of his adventure, and proposed to them to kill the Snenc'iq. He told the people to gather together all the cast-off cedar-bark towels and cedar-bark blankets that lay under their houses, and to take a large bucket full of urine. They did so, took their bows and arrows, and went up the river until they came to Nutt'ix. The Snenc'iqs' house was on top of a mountain near by. They climbed the mountain, and when they approached the house they saw the Snenc'iq sitting in front of his house. When he looked at them, lightning came out of his eyes and made the people faint. Nevertheless they continued to climb the mountain. They attacked the Snenc'iq with their bows and arrows, and he retired into his house, shutting the door behind him. Then they tied the cedar-bark blankets and towels, which they had brought along to the ends of long poles, ignited them, and pushed the burning cedar-bark into the Snenc'iqs' house. They poured the urine into the house. The poisonous smoke of the old cedar-bark and of the urine made the Snenc'iq, his wife, and his children sick. They began to cough and to sneeze, but very soon every thing was quiet. Then Kxua'nai and his friends opened the door, and took off the roof boards, and they found that all the Snenc'iqs were dead. The people went into the house, and took all the wealth that was there accumulated. Then they returned home.

THE SNENC'IQ

In early times the people in Nutt'ix lived in underground lodges, the entrance to which was through a hole in the middle of the roof. One night a woman was awakened by a noise on the roof of the house. On looking

1. pu. he. in the version of the legend given at Seattle, the name of the monster is given as "Snenc'iq."

up, she saw something looking down the entrance. Then she aroused her husband. He thought that an enemy was about to attack them. He did not arise, but took his bow and arrow, which lay near by, and shot. He hit the throat of the supposed enemy, and heard him rolling down the roof of the house. As soon as it grew daylight he went out, but he did not find any thing.

On the next day one of the people of the village went up the river. He heard loud wailing some distance up the river. The cries were so loud that they frightened him, and he returned. He reported to his friends what he had heard, and a great many men went up the river, but they were all frightened by the noise. Finally a young man by the name of Koanatalai's offered to go and see what was causing the noise. He went up the river in his canoe, accompanied by one friend, and they saw a large Snene'iq sitting on a flat rock. As soon as the young man saw her, he began to imitate her wails. Then the Snene'iq said, "Come here! I am glad that you join in my wails, for I lost my son. I will return your kindness. My son, whom I lost, had a house on this mountain. You may go and take every thing that you see there." Then the Snene'iq arose, took a copper on which she was sitting, and presented it to the young man; and she told him that in her son's house he would find a variety of masks, which he should use in the k'isut. She said, "I am going to leave this country now, and shall go to Na'us." The young man returned, and showed the copper to his father. He invited the people to accompany him to the Snene'iq's house. They started, and arrived at the place where the Snene'iq had been sitting. There they searched for the trail up the mountain. After looking for some time, they found the body of the young Snene'iq, the arrow still sticking in his throat. He had died while trying to return to his house. Thus they discovered the trail. They covered the body with bushes, and climbed up the mountain. When Koanatalai's entered the house, he found great quantities of meat, tallow, great numbers of skins, and many masks. He carried these home, and distributed the meat and the skins. In winter, when dancing the k'isut, he used the masks which he had found.

THE SNE'NE'IQ'

Once upon a time there was a girl who asked her mother for some mountain-goat tallow. Her mother did not give her any, and she began to cry. Finally the girl said, "If you do not give me any tallow, I shall cry all night." Then the mother took up a pair of tongs and struck the girl saying, "If you do not stop crying, I shall turn you out of the house, and

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the Snéne'iq will come and take you away." Then the girl cried, "I wish the Snéne'iq would come and take me." All of a sudden they heard some one trying to open the door and saying, "Come here I will give you some tallow." The girl said, "Now I shall get what I desire," but her mother warned her, saying "Don't go." "I think that is the Snéne'iq. I will give you some tallow now." But the girl refused to obey. She ran to the house door and opened it. The Snéne'iq took her, threw her into her basket and carried her to her house. She spoke very kindly to her and offered to fetch her little sister as a playmate, but the girl asked her for the tallow which she had promised. While the Snéne'iq was gone to get the tallow the girl felt somebody touching her rabbit-skin blanket. She looked around, and saw an old woman sitting just behind her on the floor of the house. The old woman said, "Don't eat the tallow that she has gone to fetch. It is not mountain-goat tallow but it is the fat of dead people. Also don't touch any of the berries that she may bring you for they are insects and if you cut them a root will grow from your back, and you will not be able to move. I ate from her food and a root grew from my back into the ground so that I cannot move. If she offers to bring your little sister ask her to do so and then I will show you how you may kill her. There is only one box in which she keeps food that you may eat. It stands in that corner. Ask her to give you food from that box."

After a while the Snéne'iq came with a small basket of berries. She said to the girl, "I have been picking berries for you. Now eat. They are good and sweet." But the girl refused saying, "Those are not berries those are insects and I don't eat them." Then she threw the basket into the fire and as soon as what seemed to be berries touched the fire they began to run in all directions. Next the Snéne'iq went to fetch some tallow. When she brought it to the girl the latter said, "I don't eat man's fat I want to have mountain-goat tallow." Then the Snéne'iq was surprised. She said, "I will go now and fetch your sister." The girl encouraged her, saying that she felt lonely.

In the evening the Snéne'iq started to fetch the girl. Then the old woman addressed the girl saying, "Now you must kill the Snéne'iq. If you don't do so, you will never return to your home. I was carried away by her. I ate of her food and now a root holds me to the ground and if you try to cut it I must die. If you stay here more than four days a root will grow from your back and fasten you to the floor of the house. It is easy to kill her." The girl replied, "She is so large and I am so small how shall I accomplish such a feat?" Then the old woman continued, "Do you see the mountain-goat horns in that corner of the house? Take ten of those and put one on each finger, and one on each thumb. When the Snéne'iq comes back to-morrow morning stand at the door of this house

so that she will see you, put the mountain-goat horns on so that they cannot fall off, and then open and close your hands and sing 'Yu yi, vi' 'Open your eyes, close your eyes and fall down, open your eyes, close your eyes, and fall down.' Watch to-night that she may not surprise us."

On the following morning, as soon as the Snēnē'iq came in sight the girl put the horns on her fingers and thumbs, and stood in the doorway but the old woman instructed her to wait until the Snēnē'iq had climbed halfway up the steep mountain-side. Then the girl began to sing² and opened and closed her hands to the rhythm of the tune. Then the Snēnē'iq cried "Please don't do that. If I fall down, you will never be able to come down the mountain." But the girl kept on singing until the Snēnē'iq fell backward and rolled down the mountain. Then she entered the house and told the old woman that the Snēnē'iq was dead. The old woman instructed her to climb down the mountain, and to look for the body of the Snēnē'iq and burn it and to blow the ashes to the four winds. She obeyed and the ashes were transformed into mosquitoes. Then the girl returned to the house.

Now the old woman asked her to bring some cedar-bark. When she had received it, she made four baskets. She told the girl to put meat, tallow and blankets into these baskets. The meat and the blankets which she put in became exceedingly small, so that she was able to place vast amounts in the baskets. Then the woman instructed her to enter the secret room in the left-hand corner of the house. There the girl found red cedar-bark for all the various dances and a great number of masks. She put these into one of the baskets. Then the old woman sent her home. She went carrying the baskets.

When she came to the rear of her father's house she put down the four baskets and went to the street. There she was found, and led into the house. She told her father to send a man to fetch the four small baskets which she had left behind the house. He sent four strong men but they were unable to lift the baskets. Then she went out herself and returned carrying all of them. As soon as she placed them on the floor of the house, the baskets grew to an enormous size. She took out the meat, the tallow and the blankets, and her father distributed them among the people. In the winter dance she used the masks and the cedar-bark that she had obtained.

THE RAVEN

There was a widow with a beautiful daughter. The Raven married the widow but soon began to covet the daughter and to think how he could get possession of her. Now he had devised a plan. He did not light a fire in his house for two days until the girl began to complain of the cold. Then he offered to go to get firewood. First he went to the alder, made a cut in

its bark and asked, "What do you do when you are thrown into the fire?" The Alder replied, "I burn very quietly and steadily." Then the Raven retorted, "You are not the one whom I want." Next he went to the pine, made a cut in its bark, and asked, "What do you do when you are thrown into the fire?" The Pine retorted, "My nose runs and the fire crackles."

You are not the one whom I want," said the Raven. He went to the red cedar, made a cut in its bark and asked, "What do you do when you are thrown into the fire?" Tum Thuva respondit, "In gremium mulierum insilio quae forte prope ignem sedent." "Forsitan," inquit corvus, "te velim. Nisi quem meliorem invenero, revertar." Cum ad Pseudotsugam mucronatam venisset ex cortice eius quaesivit, "Quid tu facis cum in ignem inieceris?" "Si me erectum ponis," respondit cortex, "recta puellarum in gremium modo quae prope ignem sunt." "Te demum," inquit corvus, "cupio." Cum corticis frusta adscidisset et ea orasset ut se adiuvaret in puella potienda ea domum tulit et in focum imposuit. Cum ignis conflatus esset, puellam haud procul sedere iussit ut se fovere posset. "Primum tergus," inquit, "postea pectus in ignem converte. Deinde conside et pedes extende ut commode retrovaris." Dum sic sedet, in gremium eius cortex ut promiserat incidit ut genitalia ureret. Puellae limentanti corvus, "Remedium optimum," inquit, "cognovi quod tibi statim medebitur. Herba autem in silvis est cuius crecta stirps semper sursum deorsum movetur. Hanc tu quaere et cum invenieris ei inside." Cum puella eius dicto oboediens exisset corvus ipse domo egressus se in silvas abdedit et arena se ita texit ut penis tantum emineret. His comparitis optavit ut puella ad se veniret quod cum fecisset quasi quendam stirpem sursum deorsum se moventem vidit sed cum diligentius inspexisset et corvi oculos agnovisset eo vehementer verberato domum rediit. Sic corvus miscellus graviter spe delectus est.

Then he planned what to do next. At this time Mo'xmuk t (a bird living on the mountains) invited all the people to a feast. The Raven was not invited and he planned how to obtain the food that they were preparing. He pretended to be sick and said to his two children, "It is ridiculous that Mo'xmuk t pretends to be a chief. He has nothing but leaves to eat. But you had better go and see what kind of food he is preparing." Then the two young Ravens went and saw that he was broiling meat. When the food was almost done the Raven arose, and crept stealthily behind the house at which all the guests were assembled. By this time the meat was done, and the people were placing it on long plunks. Then he cried, "Wm! wmi, wmi, wmi!" etc etc etc etc. Then the people stopped and said, "Who is crying there?" But the Raven ran home as quickly as possible and lay down by the side of the fireplace. He asked his children to strew ashes over his body so as to avert suspicion of his having left the house.

Now the people sent two messengers to the Raven's house, in order to see if he might have uttered the cries but they saw him lying down near the fireplace and noticed that he was covered with ashes. Then the messengers returned and reported what they had seen. The people discussed the meaning of the cries and finally resolved to send to the Raven, who was renowned on account of his experience, and to ask his opinion. Two messengers went to see him. When they asked him he said, "Those cries mean that your enemies will come to kill you. Escape, while there is yet time. Don't stop to take your food along, but run away." The people followed his advice. He said, "I cannot join you, because I am sick. It does not matter whether the enemies kill me or whether I die of disease." As soon as the people had left he arose, took all the meat, and hid it near his own house. On the following morning the people returned, and saw that the village was undisturbed only the meat had disappeared. They looked askance at the Raven, suspecting that he had stolen their meat.

On the following day the Raven thought, "I will go to visit the Deer." He went there, opened the door of the Deer's house, and said, "At what season are you fattest?" The Deer replied, "At the time when the people have dried all their fish." Then the Raven left him and returned at the time when all the fish had been dried. He said, "I requmai', come! I want to speak to you. Let us go up the mountain, and let us tell about our ancestors." They went up the mountain, and the Raven said, "Here is the place where I am accustomed to sit and to bask in the sun. Let us sit down here. It was a meadow near a steep precipice. The Raven induced the Deer to sit down near the precipice while he himself sat down a little farther back. Now he supported his head on his hand and began to cry, 'How long your forelegs are how long your forelegs are!'" Then the Deer looked at him. The Raven said, "Now you must cry next." Then the Deer began to cry and sang, "How gray your nose is!" And the Raven retorted, singing, "How long your nose is!"

Thus they continued for some time. When they had finished crying the Raven asked, "How long have you been in this world?" The Deer replied, "It is a long time that I have been here. Tell me first how long you have been here." Then the Raven said, "I became a man when the mountains begin to rise." The Deer retorted, "That is not so long. I am older than you are. I became a man before the Sun gave the world its present form." Then they began to cry again, and this time the Deer sang,

"How ugly his foot is! His foot is all covered with scars." Then the Raven grew angry, pushed the Deer and threw him down the precipice. Then he assumed the shape of the Raven and flew down the mountain, crying,

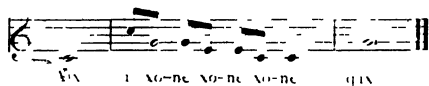
"Qoxv!" He ate part of the Deer's meat and concealed the rest under stones.

Then he returned home and lay down. He thought, "What shall I do next?" He made up his mind to travel. After some time he reached a house the door of which was open. He stepped in and looked about. He saw that the house was full of dried fish, which was moving as though women were working at it, but he did not see anybody. Then he went out and called his sisters *Stsuwaastr'iqs* ("crow"), *Nuk 'x̄nə'm* ("mouse"), *X̄ ilx* ("gull"), and *K 'x̄wa'qs* ("rat"). He told them what he had seen, and asked them to help him carry away the provisions. He said, "I do not see any people but implements moving by themselves are at work on the provisions." They entered the house and the Raven took the fish down from the drying-frames, and asked his sisters to pack it into baskets and to carry it away. After he had thrown all the fish down, he descended to the floor of the house and intended to go out, but he felt himself held by arms and feet, and was beaten without mercy. His sisters were treated in the same manner. They were taken and their private parts rubbed over his face. Then he found that the Echo inhabited this house.

He returned home and thought what to do next. He was hungry and was glad when, after a little while, *Maxuat'a'laqa* (a small water-towl) invited him to his house. He accepted the invitation and sat down near the fire. Then *Maxuat'a'laqa* took a box, held his foot over it, and cut his ankle with a stone knife. At once salmon-eggs fell down into the box, filling it entirely. The Raven ate and carried home to his sisters what was left over.

On the next morning a woman named *Kucla'is* ("young seal") invited him to a feast. He sat down near the fire and she took a dish. She cleaned it, placed it near the fire, and held her hands over it. Then grease dropped down into the dish, filling it entirely. She gave it to the Raven, who ate heartily and took home to his sisters what was left over.

On the following day the bird *Aix a'xonē* invited him to a feast. He placed a box near the fire and sang:



At once the box was full of salmon-berries. The Raven ate, and carried home to his sisters what was left over.

Now he resolved to invite *Maxuat'a'laqa*. On the following day the bird came. Then the Raven took a box, put his foot into it, and cut his ankle, but nothing came out of it, and he said to *Maxuat'a'laqa*, "Go back! I have nothing to give to you." In the evening he made up his mind to invite the young seal. He felt of his hands all the time, to see

it, fat were dripping from them. On the next morning he invited her. He placed a mat for her near the fire, took a dish, cleaned it, and placed it on the mat. Then he held his hands over the dish, but not a particle of fat dripped out of them. His hands however were burnt to a crisp by the heat of the fire. Then he said to the Seal: "Go back! I have no food for you." Then he invited the bird *Aix'ax'one*. He placed a box near the fire and tried to sing the bird's song, but there was only a single berry in the box. He continued but did not succeed any better. Finally he sang *mink'*, and the box was full of excrements.

On the following day he made up his mind to marry the sockeye Salmon. He said to his sisters: "Let us go to the Salmon country. I want to marry the sockeye Salmon." His sisters went with him in his canoe.

Lupa'nk'. They travelled westward. When they reached the country of the Salmon he told his sisters that he intended to carry away the chief's daughter and he ordered them to make holes in the canoes of all the Salmon by pulling out the filling of the knot-holes. Then they went up to the house where he was invited, and feasted. After they had eaten the Raven prepared to carry to his canoe the food that was left over. He said to the chief's daughter: "Will you please help me to carry my food to the canoe?" She did so accompanying him down to the beach. He went aboard and asked the girl to step into the water in order to reach the canoe more easily. He induced her to step farther and farther, and finally took her into his canoe. Then his sisters struck the sides of the canoe.

Lupa'nk' with the palms of their hands and it went of itself. The Salmon rushed to their canoes in order to pursue them, but after they had gone a short distance their canoes foundered.

The Raven and his sisters carried away the young woman and reached their home safely. The woman had beautiful long hair. Her husband asked her: "Where did you get that long hair?" She replied: "I pulled it and made it grow." Then the Raven said: "Oh please pull my hair too, and make it grow!" — "No," she said, "I don't want to do it. If I should do so your hair would become entangled in the salmon when drying over the fire and you would pull them down." But the Raven insisted. Finally she grew angry and said: "Well I will pull your hair." She did so and the Raven found that it reached down to his shoulders, but he was not satisfied he wanted to have it longer. Then she pulled it until it reached down to his waist but still he was not satisfied. He insisted until finally she made it as long as her own hair. Then the Raven arose intending to show himself to the people. While he was going out of the house he moved his head from side to side so that his hair flew about. When he passed under the drying salmon they became entangled in his hair. He tried to pull it out and finally succeeded. Then he went out and showed himself

to the people. Soon he reentered, and since he was still moving his head from side to side, his hair again became entangled in the salmon. He tried to disengage himself but found it very difficult. Then he grew impatient and said to the salmon, "I don't want to catch you a second time," and threw them out of the house. Then his wife arose and said, "I refused to make your hair long, but you insisted. I knew that you would maltreat the salmon." With this she jumped into the water, and all the salmon followed her. They swam back to the country of the salmon and the Raven lost his long hair. Then he was very sad.

THE MINK

Once upon a time there lived a woman named Nūspuselxak'a at Ts'c'qoc some distance up Bella Coola River. She refused the offer of marriage from the young men of the tribe, because she desired to marry Smu'yakila the Sun. She left her village and went to seek the Sun. Finally she reached his house and married Smu'yakila. After she had been there one day she had a child, who was named Totqoa'ya. He grew very quickly, and on the second day of his life he was able to walk and to talk. After a short time he said to his mother, "I should like to see your mother and your father," and he began to cry, making his mother feel homesick. When Smu'yakila saw that his wife felt downcast and that his son was longing to see his grandparents, he said, "You may return to the earth to see your parents. Descend along my eyelashes. His eyelashes were the rays of the Sun which he extended down to Ts'c'qoc." They descended along his eyelashes and came to Ts'c'qoc where they lived with the woman's parents.

Totqoa'ya was playing with the children of the village, who were teasing him saying that he had no father. He began to cry and went to his mother whom he asked for bow and arrows. His mother gave him what he requested. He went outside and began to shoot his arrows towards the sky. The first arrow struck the sky and stuck in it, the second arrow hit the notch of the first one, and thus he continued until a chain was formed extending from the sky down to the place where he was standing. Then he ascended the chain. He found the house of Smu'yakila, which he entered. He told his father that the boys had been teasing him, and he asked him to let him carry the sun. But his father said, "You cannot do it. I carry many torches. Early in the morning and late in the evening I burn small torches but at noon I burn the large ones." Totqoa'ya insisted on his request. Then his father gave him the torches, warning him at the same time to observe carefully the instructions that he was giving him in regard

to their use. Early the next morning, Tötqoa'va started on the course of the sun, carrying the torches. Soon he grew impatient, and lighted all the torches at once. Then it grew very hot. The trees began to burn, and many animals jumped into the water to save themselves, but the water began to boil. Then Nuspus'xakai's covered the people with her blanket, and thus saved them. The animals hid under stones. The ermine crept into a hole, which, however, was not quite large enough, so that the tip of its tail protruded from the entrance. It was scorched, and since that time the tip of the ermine's tail has been black. The mountain-goat hid in a cave, hence its skin is perfectly white. All the animals that did not hide were scorched, and therefore have black skins, but the skin on their lower side remained lighter. When Smai'yakila saw what was happening, he said to his son: "Why do you do so? Do you think it is good that there are no people on the earth?"

Smai'yakila took him and cast him down from the heavens, saying: "You shall be the mink, and future generations of man shall hunt you."

Then Smai'yakila caused the waters to rise so that they covered the whole country except a few mountains. The mountains Sqst, Smat, and Nusq'ist on Bella Coola River, and Simsenta'ne near Bella Bella, were not covered by the waters. The Bella Coola and Bella Bella tied their canoes to the tops of these mountains, and for this reason they were not lost. The Ki'mskurtx tied their canoe to the mountain Suwak. The Laho'mx tied theirs to the mountain Asts'le'ki. Some of the canoe ropes broke, and the people drifted away to distant countries. The deluge extended over the country of Skeena River, and the people of Nusma'mt, the descendants of Teqo'mnöt, drifted away from there until finally they succeeded in tying their canoe to the mountain Sqst.

Finally Smu'yakila caused the waters to subside, and the people descended from the mountains and rebuilt their villages. The people of Nusma'mt returned to Skeena River and told their descendants in it since they had tied their canoe to the mountain Sqst, the mountain belonged to them, so that they claimed two countries as their home—the Bella Coola country and that of the Tsimshian. I think that one of the canoes drifted into the country of the whites.

After the water had subsided, Smu'yakila said: "I shall not make another deluge, and I will make the world beautiful." He told the porcupine that its meat should serve as food for man, and that the soup made of its meat should strengthen man and prevent him from falling sick. And he said: "Your quills will be used for piercing the ears of women when they want to perforate them for the use of ear ornaments." And he gave the

marten its beautiful fur and told the people to use it for blankets, and he taught them to make blankets of lynx and marmot skins, and he told the mountain-goat that man should use its hair for spinning and weaving, and that he should eat its meat, and he told the black bear that people should use its skin, and that man should eat its meat, while he forbade the women to eat bear meat, and he told the grisly bear that its skin should be used for blankets and that its meat should be eaten by men and women.

Then the Raven instructed the people in the *kū'siut* ceremonials, while to others he taught the *sisau'k*.

THE DEER.¹

The Deer said to his son *Tō'pewas*, "Let us go in our canoe to fetch fuel." They launched their canoe, and paddled to the place where they were going to cut wood. The Deer went ashore, while his son remained in the canoe. He carried his stone hammer and his wedges to a large tree, which he began to fell. After he had left two men and one woman passed by in their canoe. They stopped alongside of the Deer's canoe, and one of the men touched *Tō'pewas*, feeling all over his body, and said to his companion,

He is good to eat.

The Deer, who was working in the woods, thought he heard a noise near his canoe, but the man stopped speaking and it was quiet again. Therefore he thought he had been mistaken and continued his work. After a while the strange canoe went on and passed out of sight behind a point of land. When the Deer had finished his work, he carried the wood to his canoe. He said to his son, "Did my people come here? I thought I heard some noise." "Yes," replied *Tō'pewas*, "there were two men and one woman, and one of the men touched me, felt all over my body, and said I was good to eat." Then the Deer grew angry. He said, turning his face toward the direction in which the canoe had disappeared, "Why do they say so?—those people who whistle through nose and anus, those long-tailed people." Then he returned to the woods to get more wood.

The woman in the strange canoe heard what the Deer said, and she remarked to her companions, "The father of that boy who you said is good to eat is scolding us." Her name was *Nutseko'lsik*, in which means "long ear." She induced her companions to return. When they reached the canoe they took hold of *Tō'pewas* and killed him, biting him in the nape of the neck, then they devoured him.

Soon the Deer came back and found that his son had disappeared. Then he cried. The tears ran down his face. He threw the mucus from his nose down into the bottom of the canoe. Then he said to it, "Where is my

¹ See also Verhandlungen der Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte 1875, pp. 11, 12. 13—MEM. AM. MUS., VOL. 11, PART II, PAGES 129-130.

son. It did not reply, and he asked the thwarts. He asked the boards in the bottom of the canoe, and he asked the canoe line; but they did not reply. He asked the knot-hole. It answered his question, saying, "Those people whom you abused have returned, and have eaten him." Then the Deer was very sad. He paddled on, not caring where he went. He sang while he was paddling,—

"Anix né k ótsané wasai's tá mmatsai' anuswá' lax dé, anuswá' lax dé
 ("It is calm, it is calm, but my child is dead")

When he was rounding a point of land, he discovered many people. Then he stopped singing and rubbed his eyes, in order to brush away the tears. Now he saw a large village. Smoke was rising from one of the houses where a feast was going on. All the people had assembled in this house. They had built a large fire, on which they were heating stones. Two young men came out of the house and discovered the canoe of the Deer. They returned, in order to report to the host that a stranger was coming. The host told the people to wait before beginning to eat, because he desired to invite the stranger. When he came near, a person recognized him, and said, "Oh, I know him. He is a very good dancer. Invite him, by all means." The host sent a messenger to the beach to call him. The Deer went ashore and entered the house. On looking round, he discovered his son's blanket.

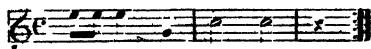
The host sent three messengers to the Deer, whom he told to sit down near the door. "We are informed that you are a good dancer, and we wish to see you dance." The Deer did not reply. He was sad because he had seen his son's blanket. After a short while he said, "How can I dance? All my paraphernalia are at home. If they were here, I should be glad to dance. I have no dancing-apron." The messengers asked, "What do you wear when you are dancing?"—"I wear knives made of mussel-shells tied to my arms." The messengers went and searched for shell knives, but they did not find any. Finally it occurred to them that an old woman who lived in the village was in possession of some shell knives. A messenger was sent to the old woman, who knew at once what they wanted. She gave them ten shell knives, five to be tied to each hand. The messengers sharpened them, and the Deer tied them to his hands. They gave him a dancing-apron. Then the Deer arose. He said, "Now I am ready to dance. Prepare your mats, and lie down. Soon you will be asleep. My dance will make you sleep. Take some boards and place them on your mats, because soon you will want to rest your faces on them." Then he stood up near the doorway, and, dancing around the fire, he sang,—

'A'ko tik se'msmas itá'qula sma'o ti skod'ult wa se'msmas ara'qula sma'o
 ti skod'ult wa se'msmis itá'qula

Tsentitome'it ax glá'le'msanni skod'ults xaaxa'it

('I have no story, only sleep is my story, only sleep, my story, slumber children sleep.')

Now they were all asleep. Then the Deer cut off their heads with his knives. Only one old woman had not been overcome with sleep. She ran about, calling the people, who awoke, and attacked the Deer. He jumped out of the house and ran along the beach, pursued by four men. When his pursuers gained upon him, he climbed a large tree. His pursuers sat down at the foot of the tree, and one of them said to his comrades, "Go home and ask the old woman if she does not know of some means of getting him down." One of the men went back, while the other three staid at the foot of the tree, watching the Deer. The messenger told the old woman that the Deer had climbed the tree, and asked her advice. Then she said, "Why don't you sing?"—"Teach me the song I have to sing;" and she sang, "Fall down, leg!"



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The young man returned: but when he reached the tree on which the Deer was sitting, he had forgotten the song. Then they sent two men back to the old woman, hoping that the two would not forget the song. After they had learned the song, they returned. When they had nearly reached the tree, they jumped over a log, and as soon as they had done so, they had forgotten the song. Again they sent back two of the young men to learn the song. After the old woman had taught them the song, she advised them to continue to sing it while they were running back. They were humming the song all the time, and when they had nearly reached the tree, they jumped over a log. Immediately the song was forgotten. They returned again. Then the old woman said to them, "How does it happen that you always forget the song? Do you jump over a log?" When the old woman heard that they did so, she said, "You must go around the log." Now they returned, humming the tune all the way. When they reached the log that lay over their trail, they went around it. Now they remembered the song. They sat down at the foot of the tree and sang it four times. Then a leg of the Deer fell down. They sang again, and the other leg fell down. Now the Deer clung to the branches of the tree with his arms. They sang again, and an arm fell down. Now the Deer clung to the branches of the tree with his only remaining arm. They sang again, and the other arm fell down; and when they sang once more, the whole body fell down. They tore the Deer to pieces. One of the men took up one of the Deer's legs and said, "Later on some men shall have one leg shorter than the other one." That is the reason why some people limp.

THE HAU'HAI

The Hau'hau lives on the mountain Nusta'nim in a large cave. His cry is "Hauhauhau". His wings are very large and beautiful. Some time ago the woods on the mountain were burned and he moved away from it. He flew to Nuto'k'ot, on the north side of Bella Coola River where is a stone pillar similar in appearance to a tree. There he put up his residence. Last year he was heard in Nuto'k'ot.

Once upon a time four men went mountain-goat hunting. In the evening they started a fire and lay down to sleep, turning their backs toward the fire. One of them took his mountain-stick and placed it upright at his feet. Then they all went to sleep. Early in the morning the man who had placed his stick at his feet was awakened by the violent movements of his neighbor. He turned and looked at his friend, then he saw that he was dead. The two other men were also dead. He raised his head and looked toward the fire. Then he saw a long, slim hook coming out of the fire. He did not know what it was, but he soon discovered that it was a long beak. The beak came out farther and farther and now he saw a neck as white as a swan's. Now it entered the mus of one of his friends. Then he knew that it was the Hau'hau who had killed his friends. He took his bow and arrow and hit the throat of the bird. After a little while the head came out again. Again he shot it. Thus he continued until all his arrows were spent. Then he took those of his friends. When almost all the arrows were used up the sun arose then the Hau'hau flew away and the man thought he had not succeeded in killing him. Flying away the bird shouted "Hi hi hauhau nuto'ko" ("Our name is Hauhau"). The four men had camped on a small grassy slope over a precipice. The survivor crept to the precipice from where the beaks came. Then he saw many dead Hauhais lying at the foot of the precipice. Some were very large others were small. Then he knew that he had killed a great many thinking that there had been only one of these beings. He returned to the village and told the people that the Hauhais had killed his friends and that he had shot them. They buried the men placing the bodies in boxes which were put on the tops of poles which were surrounded by a fence.

THE WOMAN WHO MARRIED THE STUMP

Once upon a time there was a woman who went into the woods intending to pick berries. She lost her way. Finally she reached a river. There she saw a wild-looking man approaching her. When he came near she asked "Who are you?" He replied "My name is Stump." She asked "Where is your house?" and he replied "It is not far from here." "Do you know where my father's village is?" she asked. He replied, "I know where it is."

but I shall not tell you. I want to marry you." The poor girl did not see any way of escape, and followed the Stump. Soon they reached a trail which led towards a patch of trees. Under these trees was the Stump's house. They entered and sat down.

After a short time Stump said to his wife, "Let us go outside. My head is full of lice, and I want you to louse me." She consented. The man went out first, and his wife was going to follow him; but when she was near the door, she heard some one calling her. She stopped, and on looking around she saw a woman who was rooted to the floor of the house. Her name was Nusqéxterpôtsa'ax. She gave her a brad-awl and said, "Take this. The lice of which your husband is speaking are toads. Use this brad-awl to catch them. Don't be frightened and scream when you see the toads on his head. If you do so, he will certainly kill you. Catch the toads with this brad-awl and throw them behind you. You must pretend to bite and eat the toads, but merely bite your nail, that your husband may be deceived by the noise." Then the woman went out and sat down at her husband's side. He put his head in her lap and she began to look for lice. Then she saw the toads on his head. She took them up with the awl, threw them over her shoulder, and at the same time bit the nail of her thumb. Soon the man said, "What do I hear there? Are you biting the toads?" She replied in the affirmative. After a while the Stump requested her to stop and they went into the house. Before they went to bed he said, "I am going away early in the morning." When the young woman awoke she saw that her husband had left the house. Then she rose, went to the woman who was rooted to the floor, and asked, "Is there any hope of my escaping if I run away?" She replied, "You may try it. But your husband is keeping watch of you. His chamber-pot is his watchman and it will tell him whatever happens during his absence."

Late in the evening the Stump returned. Then the woman pretended to be very happy to see him back home. In the evening he said again that he was going out early in the morning. The following morning the woman awoke again after her husband had left. Then she told the woman who was rooted to the floor that she intended to escape. As soon as she left the house, the chamber-pot called to its master saying that his wife was making her escape. He heard it although he was far away, pursued her and took her back. On the following day the man went away again. Then the woman who was rooted to the floor told the young wife to take the fire-drill, and to make holes all round the rim of the chamber-pot. After she had done so, she gave her a bladder filled with urine, a comb, and a grindstone. Then she told her to run westward, and instructed her how to use the urine, the comb and the grindstone. Now she left the house. As soon as she had left, the chamber-pot began to shout, but its voice was not

so loud as before, because its rim had been drilled. Nevertheless the Stump heard the voice. He came home, and pursued his wife. When he approached her, she threw the bladder filled with urine over her shoulder and ran away. The urine was transformed into a lake, which detained the pursuer, who had to go around it. But soon he began to catch up with her again. Then she threw the comb over her shoulder, which was transformed into a thicket. The pursuer was unable to pass it, and had to go around it. But after a while he began to approach her again. Then she threw the grindstone over her shoulder, which was transformed into a large mountain, which carried her up to heaven.

When she reached heaven, she found a trail, which she followed. Soon she saw the house of the Sun, and on looking through a chink in the wall she saw a man (the Sun) sitting inside, who said, "Come in." The woman opened the door, but the doorway was blazing with fire, so that she did not dare to enter. The man told her to jump through the fire. She did so, and entered the house safely. After a short time the Stump reached the house. He looked in through a chink, and the Sun told him to enter. The Stump walked in, but he was consumed by the fire in the doorway.

The woman was invited to live in a room in one corner of the house. There she staid, and after some time she had a boy; the son of the Sun. He was called T'otqoa'ya. He was very ugly, and his face was covered with sores. After she had staid for some time, the owner of the house said to her, "Do you feel homesick?" and she replied that she longed to return to her father. Then the Sun bade her to look down, and he showed her the village from which she had come. She asked, "How can I return?" Then he told her to walk down along his eyelashes (the sunbeams). She took the boy on her back, and descended along the Sun's eyelashes. She reached her father's house in the evening. Her parents and friends were very glad to see her.

The next morning the boy went out of the house, and began to play with the other children, who made fun of him. Then he told them that his father was the Sun, but they merely laughed at him, until he grew very angry. Then he told his mother that he intended to return to his father in heaven. He made a great many arrows and a bow, went outside, and began to shoot his arrows upward. The first one struck the sky. The second one struck the notch of the first one. And thus he continued until a chain of arrows was formed which reached the ground. Then he climbed up, and, after reaching heaven, he went into the Sun's house. There he said, "Father, I wish to take your place to-morrow." The Sun consented, but said, "Take care that you do not burn the people. I use only one torch in the morning, and increase the number of torches until noon. In the afternoon I extinguish the torches one by one." On the following morning the boy took his father's

torches and went along the path of the Sun, but very soon he lighted all the torches. It became very hot on the earth. The woods began to burn, and the rocks to crack, and many people died. But his mother waved her hands and thus kept her own house cool. The people who had entered her house were safe.

When the Sun saw what the boy was doing he caught him and threw him down to the earth and said: "Henceforth you shall be the mink."

THE WOLVES

There were two chiefs in the village. *SENNA*. The name of the one was *SENALO'ITLA*. The name of the other was *NUTSXAOS'ENEM*. They had two sons, who were gamblers. One day when they were playing *SENALO'ITLA*'s son was winning all the time. *NUTSXAOS'ENEM*'s son staked all his property and lost it. Finally he lost even his father's house. Then he staked his father, his mother, his wife, and he lost them. At last he had not even a blanket left. Then *SENALO'ITLA* felt much annoyed. He told the people to leave the village, and to move to another place, and he ordered them to pack all their property, and to leave *NUTSXAOS'ENEM*'s son to starve to death.

On the following morning the people took down the walls of the houses, loaded their canoes, and burnt what they were not able to carry away. They extinguished the fires, and deserted the young man. His sole property was the set of gambling-sticks by means of which he had lost his all. Before the people left, a friend of the young man had taken some glowing embers, and hidden them in the sand, and before he went aboard he told his friend secretly where the fire was hidden. As soon as the people had started the youth went, took out the glowing embers, and kindled a fire. He staid there for four days without partaking of any food. Then he began to feel the pangs of hunger. He went out and dug some clover-roots. Thus he kept himself from starving. He went about in the woods gathering fuel for his fire, and moss to cover himself during the cold night.

One morning when he awoke, he found that a heavy snow had fallen, and had extinguished his fire. Then he began to cry, and thought: "I wish I might die, because I cannot live without fire." He lay down again under the moss, and cried until he fell asleep. The next morning he awoke, and he continued to cry. Finally he became so weak that he could hardly move.

One morning when he awoke, he heard the voice of a woman who called him by name, and said: "What are you doing here?" He replied:

"My father, and his tribe left me to starve. I have been living here for nearly four months, and I am near death." Then the young woman stepped up to him, and said: "My father sent me to invite you to his house." But

the young gambler replied, "How can I accompany you? I am too weak even to turn over in my bed." The woman replied, "You may think so, but I know you are able to walk." Then the young woman took an object that looked like a strip of meat from her left breast, and gave it to the young man to eat. When he had eaten half of it, she asked, "Are you feeling better now? Try to turn over." The young man obeyed, and he found that the food had given him renewed strength. Then she made him eat the other half, and after he had done so she asked him to sit up. He tried to do so, and found that he was strong enough to rise. The young woman gave him another piece to eat, and after he had finished he was able to stand up, but he was not yet able to walk. The woman took still another piece from her left breast, and gave it to him. After he had finished eating, the young man had regained his whole strength. Then she patted his head with both her hands, and continued patting all over his body. Then his body, which had been very lean, appeared plump and fat. The woman said, "Now let us go to my father the Wolf. He is waiting for us. He told me to come and bring you home at once." They went on, and the young man felt stronger than he had ever been before.

Soon they reached the foot of a steep cliff. Here they stopped, and the young woman said, "This is my father's house. Take care! The door opens and closes its mouth. You have to jump in when it opens. I will go in first. Follow me when it opens its mouth again. When you enter, you will see me sitting at the rear end of the house. If I smile at you, you may come and sit down on my left-hand side; but if I do not smile, then stay in the doorway until you are asked to sit down. Beware of the door!" Now the door opened its mouth, and the young woman jumped into the house. When it opened its mouth again, the young man jumped in, and the door snapped behind him. Then he beheld the young woman sitting in the rear of the house and smiling at him. He walked up to her and sat down at her left side. He saw that the house was full of people, who were feasting. Above each man an object was dangling that looked like a wolf's tail.

After a little while the chief of the Wolves arose, and said to his people, "I have invited you, my tribe, to see my daughter and her husband, but they have been absent so long, that we finished the feast before they entered; but I am glad they arrived before you left my house. Now you may go." Then the men arose, took the tails that were dangling over them, put them on and went out in the shape of wolves. When leaving the house, they uttered a shrill howl.

The young man married the Wolf girl who had saved him. After some time they had a child. Then the young woman said to her husband, "You must be careful that the smoke never touches my blanket." The young man promised to do so.

did not listen to his wife's words, and followed his brothers-in-law. They began to play and he was the first to catch the ball. Then he ran away, and his brothers-in-law pursued him. When one of them had almost reached him and was just about to bite his neck, he threw the ball backwards and thus saved his life. He went home and told his wife what had happened and after that, when his brothers-in-law invited him to play with them, he refused.

One day his wife asked him to fetch water for her. He took the bucket and went down to the brook. There he met a pretty girl. They talked together, and he fell in love with her. Before they parted, he asked her to meet him at the brook every day. When he got home, his wife asked him for the water. She took it and said, "Now I will see if you allowed the smoke to touch my blanket". She touched the left side of her neck with her finger, and the finger became red. Then she dipped the finger into the water, which was at once transformed into a thick jelly. Then she turned to her husband and said, "Did I not ask you not to allow the smoke to touch my blanket? But you did not obey my orders. You have fallen in love with a woman whom you met at the brook. If ever you do so again I shall send you away. I pitied you before, but if you do not obey me I shall send you back and let you starve." The man replied, "If you had told me plainly what you meant by not allowing the smoke to touch your blanket, I should have obeyed you. I should not have looked at any woman. I will promise you now not to look at or to speak to any woman hereafter." His wife continued, "Let us go to your father's house, that you may not see again the girl whom you met to-day." The young man was much pleased to hear this because he longed for his own tribe. The next morning they made ready to start. The woman took one wind-pipe filled with food and her boy carried it. After a short time they reached Nutssoa's house. When they were approaching they saw the old chief sitting in front of the house. He looked at his son but did not recognize him. When they came nearer the young man said, "Father don't you recognize me?" When he heard his voice the old man said, "Oh, my son! I am glad to see you and I am glad to see your wife and your child!"

They settled in the house of the old man. After some time the woman asked her husband to fetch some water. He took the bucket and went down to the brook. When he was stooping down to fill his bucket, he heard somebody speaking. He turned round and saw his former wife. It was the first time he had looked at her since his return. She ruled at him saying, "I think you are your wife's slave that you do not even dare to speak to your own wife." But he replied, "At the time when my tribe let me, you would not stay with me, and you would not even give me a piece of dried salmon but the wife whom I now have saved me, and therefore

I am her slave." The woman retorted, "Did you not gamble me away like a dog? And now I come back to you and speak to you as a wife to her husband, for I love you dearly." Then he forgot the commands of his Wolf wife and went to his former wife, but after a while she said, "Go back home now. I am afraid your wife may discover that we met." Then the man repented having disobeyed his Wolf wife's orders. He took the bucket home, but tried to hide it. She, however, said, "Give me the water. I want to see what you have been doing." She touched her neck with her forefinger, and put her finger into the water, which was transformed into a jelly. She said, "What have you been doing? You have met your former wife." The gambler replied, "It is true. I met her at the brook, and did not want to speak to her, but she reminded me of our former love, and then I forgot my promise, but afterwards I regretted that I disobeyed you." His wife said, "I cannot forgive you again. Now I am going to leave you, and you may re-marry your former wife." The young man made up his mind to watch his wife, but the second night she and her son had suddenly disappeared. When the man discovered their absence, he arose and followed their tracks up the mountains. He followed them all day. In the evening he followed them by his scent. He was gradually being transformed into a Wolf and a wolf's tail was growing on him. On the following morning he came to a bluff, and there he lost their tracks. He felt very sad, sat down, and began to cry. After a little while he heard an old woman addressing him, asking why he was crying. When he looked up, he saw an old Beaver whom he asked, "Cannot you tell me if my wife and son have passed here?" The Beaver replied, "Do you see that cave? They went in there." He followed them, and reached a grassy slope, on which he found their tracks. He followed them again until he came to a beaver-dam. Here he lost their tracks again. Then he sat down and cried. Again he saw an old woman, who asked him why he was crying. When he looked up he saw an old Beaver, who told him that they had entered the water. She said to him, "Go into the water and don't be afraid, if it reaches over your head. Keep on and you will reach another world. There you will find your wife and son." He followed these instructions and walked into the water, and when it closed over his head he saw a light. He walked on, and soon reached dry land. There he discovered a small house. When he came nearer he saw two old blind Wolves, a man and a woman, sitting in the house. He entered, and put some fuel on the fire. Then the old man said, "There is a stringer in this house." The gambler said, "Yes," and the old man continued, "I know what brought you here. You wish to find your wife and son. Wait a while and your boy will come here to play. He had hardly finished speaking, when the boy entered. As soon as he saw his father, he ran up to him. The father asked for his wife, and the

boy replied that she was hidden in the latrine of his grandfather's house. Then the father said to him, "Go back to your house and begin to cry. When your grandfather takes you up, continue to cry, and ask for your mother. Continue until she comes out of her hiding-place." He followed his son secretly, and hid in one corner of the chief's house. Now the boy began to cry. The people came one by one, trying to quiet him, but nobody was able to do so. He continued to cry for his mother until she came forth from her hiding-place. Then the man jumped forward, saying, "I have followed you to your home, because I love you." Then the woman said, "Now I see that you really love me." And he continued to live with her in the country of the Wolves.

TRADITION FROM SNI'LLAL

Once upon a time there was a chief of the SE'NOLK whose name was Gra'waté. He had a son who was covered all over with scabs. The boy did not eat any thing but rotten salmon and fish-spawn, and drank the scum of old fish-bones which he boiled. When he had grown up, his father secured a wife for him from a chief of the same tribe; but when the young woman saw what kind of food her husband ate, she deserted him at once.

After a short time his father secured another wife for him, but she deserted him in the same way as the first one had done. He cared no better with the third wife, whom his father procured for him. After that, his father secured him a fourth wife, who staid with him two days, but she left him because he smelled just like rotten fish. Since all the pretty girls of the village refused to stay with him, his father thought, "I will give him a wife who is like him." The father found a girl whose body was also covered with scabs, and who lived on refuse. He secured her for his son, who married her. The young man and the woman loved each other, but the four young women who had deserted him teased them so, that the young man began to feel very badly.

One day he took a small box and filled it with tallow of the mountain-goat, and he took four sea-lion bladders filled with eagle-down. He put on a bear-skin blanket, took the box with the tallow and the down, and walked out of his house down to the river. When he reached the mouth of Bella Coala River he went up the creek Tsai. He was chewing a piece of tallow, and every now and then spat on the bushes which he was passing, and he blew eagle-down on to the bushes, which was held in place by the tallow. Thus he continued for four days. He did not hear any thing, and therefore he left the creek. Then he went up the creek Askat'a. He did as before. He staid on the creek for four days, but since he did not see any thing, he left, and he went to the creek Sa'lemt. He did as before, but did

not see any thing. Then he resolved to stay in the mountains and to die rather than to return without seeing a supernatural being. He staid in the mountains for nearly a whole year. Finally he came to a small spring the water of which was very clear. He noticed tracks, which showed that some animal visited the spring regularly. He hid near by, and covered his head with his bear-skin blanket. Soon he heard footsteps. He looked cautiously out from under his blanket, and saw a man coming up to the spring. He saw the man jump into the water and bathe, and then disappear again. The youth resolved to stay at this place and to observe the man who visited the spring. This man appeared every evening. On the fourth day, when he arrived, he called the youth saying, "Arise, and come here." Then the youth arose. The stranger asked him, "Why did you come here?" He replied, "I left my home because I am so ugly. I had four wives but they would not stay with me. Then I took one who is just like myself and she loves me, but the other four have been teasing me all the time, until I went to the mountains, and now I want you to help me." The man, who was no other than the Killer Whale, asked him what he had been eating, but the youth refused to reply. Then the other ordered him to drink from the water of the well and to take as much as he could. The youth began to drink and continued drinking until he was unable to swallow any more. The stranger ordered him to sit down. He patted his chest and moved his hands downward along his body patting him all the time. As soon as he began to pat his abdomen the youth began to vomit rotten fish, salmon-spawn, and the scum of boiled fish-bones. Then the Whale said, "That is the reason why your wives do not love you." Now he rubbed the youth with the palm of his hand. He ordered him to look in his face. Then he pulled his hair and made it long, and he sprinkled it with the water of the well, which gave it a light brown color. Finally he took four twigs of hemlock, dipped them into the water, and moved them up and down the youth's back four times. Then his skin became white and smooth. Then he moved them up and down the front of his body four times and this also became white and smooth. Then he said, "From now on your name shall be xw'itxusefin." He made the youth put on his bear-skin, which he covered with eagle-down, and he placed red cedar-bark round his neck.

THE GLACIER

A mountain-goat hunter rose very early in the morning. He put on his leggings and began to climb the mountains near Nukits. Very high up the mountain there is a river called Tsim'it. Here he sat down leaning on his arm. He looked at the large glacier from which the river was coming. Suddenly he saw a large fire coming forth from a cave in the

glacier, and falling down near him. It rolled down the mountain. A thread of fire connected it with the cave. Suddenly it turned back, and disappeared in the cave from which it had come. The young man was very much surprised. He looked at the place whence the fire had come. After a little while it re-appeared, moving through the air over the sea, and then returned again into the glacier. Then the young man cautiously crept up to the point from which the fire emerged. Soon he saw it coming out again, and again it returned to the glacier. Then he thought, "I will take my stone knife and cut the thread which holds it to the glacier." As soon as it came out again, he cut the thread. The ball of fire fell down. He took it up and hid it under his blanket. Then he ran home as fast as he could. When he was near the village, he hid the fire in his quiver, which he tied up. The village in which he lived was very large, and behind the houses there was an open stretch of land. He hung the quiver on the branch of a tree when he entered his house. Early the next morning he arose, made a fire, and told his friends to call the people. He intended to show them what he had found. His friends went into all the houses and called the people. The young man told them to assemble on the open place behind the houses. He told them to arrange themselves in two rows opposite each other. Then he took his quiver and said to the people, "I shall open this. Do not be afraid. I shall throw to you what I have found, and you will throw it across to the people standing on the opposite side. Do not let it fall down, but let it fly to and fro." He opened the quiver. At once the fiery ball flew out and they played ball with it, throwing it from one side to the other.

A very few people had staid in the houses, and when they heard the noise, they also came out to see what was going on. Only one old woman who was unable to move, staid in her house. After a while the people grew tired of playing. They returned to their houses and took their meals, and then they returned to the open place and continued to play. They threw the ball to and fro, and whenever any one hit it they shouted "Wa!" The old woman was the only person who staid behind.

While the people were playing, a beautiful young man entered the village. He opened the doors of all the houses, but he did not see a soul. At last he found the old woman. He asked her, "Where are all the people?" She replied, "I suppose you have just arrived here, else you would know that a man found a wonderful ball of fire. All the people are playing with it behind the houses. — Oh!" said the man, "that ball belongs to me. I am looking for it, and I came here to recover it." The stranger touched the feet, the legs, the body, and the head of the old woman. Then she lay there dead. He assumed her shape, took her staff which was lying next to her, and left the house. Then he went to the opening where

the people were playing. They saw him coming, and believed him to be the old woman. Then they laughed, and were glad to see her coming too. They told him to sit down, and promised to throw the ball of fire to him too. As soon as the ball was thrown to him he took hold of it, spread his legs, and put it into his anus. He jumped up, tore off his skin, and appeared in his own shape as a beautiful young man. He was the glacier himself, and the fiery ball was his wind.

THE BLACK BEAR

A chief's daughter went digging clover-roots. When she reached a place where many roots were growing, she began to dig. Then she stepped on some dung of a black bear. She sat down, and while cleaning her feet she scolded the bear. After a short time she saw a good-looking youth coming towards her. When he reached her, he said, "A short while ago you were scolding me. You said that my dung smelled very badly. Now let us see if yours is better than mine." He compelled her to defecate. The girl wore a neck ornament made of small coppers. She tore off a few of these, and dropped them unobserved. Then she said, "Behold, there is my excrement!" The bear did not believe her. He struck the small of her back, thus compelling her to defecate. Then he made her ashamed, saying, "Your excrement smells worse than that of any animal."

Then the youth, who was no other than the son of the chief of the Black Bears, took her to his own house and married her. One evening he sent her out to gather brushwood for their bed. She obeyed, and soon returned, carrying a heavy load of hemlock-branches. Then the man said, "We must not use this kind of bedding else we shall have bad luck. Take it back." He went himself, and gathered devil-clubs. He loosened the soil for a space one fathom square, covered it with rotten wood, and spread the devil-clubs over it. Then he gave her to eat what she believed to be dry salmon, but it was skunk-cabbage. She ate it, and he said, "Now I see that you love me, for you eat my food without asking a question." Next he gave her dried goat-meat and bear-berries. After she had partaken of the food, he told her that what she had believed to be goat-meat was human flesh. After they had eaten they went to bed. It was in the fall of the year, and they slept until late in the spring. The chief's daughter thought she had been away a single night, but it had been a whole year. When they awoke she saw devil-clubs growing all round their bed. Now they made a fire, and she sat at the right of the door, while her husband sat at the left. He asked, "Have you any relatives?"—"Yes," she replied, "I have parents, brothers, and a sister."—"And what are your brothers' occupations?" She answered, "The first is a canoe-builder, the second, a

wood-carver, the third a singer and master of ceremonies of the winter dance. I am the fourth child, and I am a dancer. My younger brother is a hunter. The youngest of us is a girl, who is still playing." Then her husband asked "Is your brother the hunter old enough to fall in love?" — No, she replied "he is too young." — "What kind of feathers does he use to wing his arrows?" — "For small game he uses two grebe feathers but for large game two loon feathers." Then the Bear drooped his head and began to cry. He said "I know your brother is watching us now. He will kill me! When I am dead skin me, but be careful to leave my skin whole. You shall wear it as a blanket." He had hardly finished speaking when an arrow struck him, and he fell dead. Then two dogs jumped into the bear's den followed by their master who was greatly surprised to find his sister. When he prepared to skin the bear his sister stopped him telling him of what had happened and of the instructions the bear had given her. She skinned the bear, and they started to go home. The woman insisted on carrying the bear-skin although her brother thought that it would be too heavy for her. While they were walking the young man led the way. His sister and his two dogs followed. All of a sudden he heard his two dogs bark as though they had found a bear. He turned back but almost immediately the dogs stopped barking. When he asked his sister about it she replied that she had been playing with the dogs. The youth went on. Soon he heard his dogs bark again and he also heard the growls of a bear. When he turned back the noise stopped, and he saw nothing but his sister and his two dogs. He begged her to hasten but she asked him to proceed and not to mind her. He went on. After a short time the dogs barked again, and a bear was heard to growl. Then the youth hid behind a tree and soon he saw a large bear coming accompanied by two dogs. Now he knew that his sister had assumed the form of a bear. Therefore he did not shoot her. He ran back and intercepted his sister who as soon as she saw him coming resumed her human shape. Now they reached the village and the young woman was heartily welcomed by her parents, her brothers, and her sister.

On the following day she prepared to clean and stretch the bear-skin but her brother objected saying that it was customary to wait four days before doing this work. She replied that she was following her dead husband's instructions and that if she did not do so they would be visited by misfortune. Her father asked his son to let her have her way. The youth was afraid of her because he knew that she had it in her power to assume the form of a bear, so he did not object any longer but left the house during the night to go hunting in a distant valley.

The woman arose before the break of day, and without stopping to take breakfast she began to clean the bear-skin. After this was finished she

awakened the people, asking for a bone-needle with which to sew the skin to the stretching-frame. She was given one. After a short time she said, "My needle is broken. Give me another one." She sent her little sister who was sitting near her to get another one. She broke one needle after another. At last, when she sent her little sister to get another one, her mother sent word that she had no more needles. Then the woman began to growl like a bear. She put on the bear-skin, assumed the form of a bear and killed her mother. Then she went through the whole village, and killed all the people except her little sister. After that she took off the bear-skin and hung it up. She sat down on the right-hand side of the fire, while her sister sat on the left-hand side. On looking at the bear-skin, the little girl observed that the woman had put all the broken needles into the jaws of the bear-skin to serve as teeth. *Forte ante ignem pedibus passis sedebat cum subito menses facere coepit. Postea sorore arrepta vulvam capite eius detergebat simulque se eam ad ipsum dicebat servasse.* When the woman was sitting near the fire, she took out her lungs and put them into her left hand, and she took out her heart and put it into her right hand. She expected that her surviving brother would try to kill her, and she wished to deceive him. Since she had taken her heart and lungs from her chest an arrow shot into her body would not kill her.

Then she went to sleep. While she was lying there her brother returned. The little girl told him what had happened and asked him to shoot through the hands of the bear woman. He did so, and she died. Then he ran away with his sister, fearing that the bear woman might revive. They crossed a deep canyon on a log. After they had crossed he laid the log so that it must turn over when stepped upon. Soon the bear woman was seen following their tracks. She stepped on the log which turned over so that she dropped into the chasm below.

The youth and his sister travelled on. While they were walking he said, "Let us try to find a village. There I will marry you." The girl agreed. Finally they reached a sheet of water. They saw a village on the other side. Then he shouted, asking to be taken across, and soon a canoe came in answer to his summons. When they had reached the village the youth told the people that the bear woman was pursuing them and that he had tried in vain to kill her. The people deliberated as to what to do, and finally decided that the Loon and Grebe should fetch her. The birnicles and sea-worms were to hide under the boards in the bottom of the canoe and bite her, so that she would jump up and upset the canoe. Soon she arrived, and the people heard her shouting on the other side of the water. The Loon and the Grebe launched their canoe, which was very unsteady, and the birnicles and sea-worms hid under the boards in the bottom of the canoe. They went across and the bear woman got aboard. When they were in

the middle of the water the barnacles and worms bit her. She jumped up, and the canoe capsized. The birds swam ashore. After a short time the barnacles and sea-worms came ashore too. They looked very stout, because they had eaten the bear. Then the youth said to the girl, "There are two trails here,—one leading to the left, the other to the right. You follow the one I will follow the other. If the trails meet we will marry, if they do not we here separate forever. They started, and after a while met each other. Then the youth married the girl. (Mask of the Bear, Plate X, Fig. 12)'

VI

It is necessary to make a few remarks on the relation of the ceremonials of the Bella Coola Indians to their mythology. I have not seen any of their ceremonials, and my descriptions are based on inquiries and upon the accounts published by Phillip and Adrian Jacobsen.

The Bella Coola have two ceremonials,—the *sisau'k* and the *ku'siut*, which correspond to the *tao'laxa* and the *ts'ets'eqa* of the Kwakiutl. I have described these ceremonials fully in another paper. The *sisau'k* ceremonials are mostly dramatic representations illustrating the *Qan* legends, some of which have been recorded in Chap. IV, while the *ku'siut* ceremonials are dramatic representations of the initiation of members of various clans into certain secret societies. Among these the Cannibal Society, the Society of the Laughers, and the Society of the Throwers are the most important. These are called by the Bella Coola the *Flaxo'tela*, *Olx*, and *Da'tu*. I described on pp. 34-35, the spirits presiding over the two first-named societies. The information which I obtained on these points is perfectly clear and consistent. I cannot quite reconcile the explanations given by A. and F. Jacobsen to the accounts which I received. It seems that their accounts do not clearly distinguish between the opinions held by various tribes. In the article above referred to I described fully the opinions held by the Kwakiutl in regard to the origin of their Cannibal Society. They believe that a spirit called *Bixbakuilanussi'wic* initiates the Cannibals. He is represented as having an enormous black head with dilated nostrils and large mouth. I have made frequent inquiries among the Bella Coola but received the uniform answer that this being does not initiate their Cannibals. It is not impossible that a few families may have adopted this tradition from the Kwakiutl tribes, but I have not been able to find it among the Bella Coola. Jacobsen maintains that *Bixbakuilanussi'wic* is the particular spirit of the Cannibal among the Bella Coola and brings forward the well-known

Additional legends of the Bella Coola have been published in the publications mentioned on pp. 26-27. A. and F. Jacobsen, *The U. S. National Museum* for 1891, pp. 311-312.

tradition of the Awik'cnox as an explanation of the ceremonial. The only modification which I note in this tradition is that the Cannibal's wife is described as sucking out through their ears the brains of children,—an incident which I heard related of the mother of Arkunta'm.² He calls him "Beck-Beck-Kvalanit, and in the Bella Coola dialect, Pah-Pah Kualanusiya." This word is decidedly of Kwakiutl origin, meaning "the one who eats human flesh at the mouth of the river (or at the north end of the world)." Neither have I been able to find any mask representing this being among the Bella Coola tribe. The masks which they use in connection with the Cannibal ceremony are of quite a different character (Plate XII, Figs 1-8). I am the more inclined to think that Mr. Jacobsen did not clearly distinguish between the customs and traditions of various tribes, since he introduces "Ganikilla Ko" (Qa'ng'lak') in the traditions of the Bella Coola, while it is distinctively a legend of the Kwakiutl tribes of the extreme northwest of Vancouver Island. Jacobsen does not distinguish clearly between the *sisau'k* and the *kū'siut* stating that the *kū'siut* dances are performed during the *sisau'k* in the same way as, among the Kwakiutl a *laō'laxa* may be celebrated during the *ts'e'tsaqa*. This may be, but theoretically the two ceremonials must be considered entirely distinct. According to the information which I received *sisau'k* dances may be held in summer, in which case the *kū'siut* could not possibly form part of the *sisau'k* ceremonial. When on the other hand, the *sisau'k* takes place during the *kū'siut* period it would naturally be accompanied by *kū'siut* dances.

As stated before the *sisau'k* is a ceremonial in which the legend of the clan is illustrated by means of dramatic performances. At the same time valuable presents are distributed among the guests who are invited to witness the ceremonial. The value of the gifts amounts often to several thousand dollars. At this time the family legend is told in general outline, but the details of the legend are kept secret, and are transmitted only to those who are initiated in the *sisau'k* of the clan. It seems that we must consider the transmission of the *sisau'k* legend in the following manner. At any given time it is the property of the chief of the family who, at the time of the celebration transfers his rights to his successor generally to his son. The full tradition is kept secret by the owner. It seems that there is a close analogy between the conditions prevailing in the northwest and those found among the southwestern Indians among whom certain priests are guardians of traditions. Among the tribes of the northwest coast the chief of a family is the guardian and owner of the family tradition while among the southwestern tribes the priest is the guardian of the tradition belonging to a clan or to a fraternity. My impression is, however, that among the northwestern

Verhandlungen der Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte 1881, p. 114.
Ibid. 1884, p. 21.

Indians the tradition is considered much more clearly the property of the person who has it in charge than it is among the southwestern Indians. A description of the sisau'k ceremonial has been given by Jacobsen in the paper above referred to.¹

A clan legend which is illustrated in the sisau'k ceremonial is called by the Bella Coola "Simsma" or "Smr'vusta." These traditions are the exclusive property of each clan. The laws according to which they descend from generation to generation differ from the laws prevailing among the other Coast tribes. The inhabitants of each Bella Coola village are not subdivided into clans, gentes, or septa, but each village community forms a unit, and possesses the same tradition. In order to keep the tradition in the tribe, the law requires that no person shall marry outside of his own village community. Thus the clan tradition is kept the exclusive property of the village community by means of endogamy. I have made very careful inquiries in regard to this point and all the old men make substantially the same statement. Even marriages among near relatives are permitted, and although marriages of people who are distantly related or not related at all are preferred, it even happens that cousins marry or that an uncle marries his niece, in order to keep the clan tradition from being acquired by another village community. It seems however that owing to the influence of the Coast tribes, the endogamic system has begun to give way to an exogamic system. Powerful and wealthy chiefs marry outside of their own village community in order to secure an additional clan legend through marriage. This new system agrees with the one prevalent among the Kwakiutl tribes.

The kū'siut, as stated before, is a religious ceremony in which all the duties of heaven are personified. The members of various clans are initiated according to their clan traditions, but the same societies and the same deities appear in the traditions of all the various clans. From what little I have been able to learn it seems that there is an elaborate opening of the whole ceremonial corresponding to the opening of the ceremonial among the Kwakiutl.² I received the following description of the opening ceremony:—

The person who invites to the kū'siut that is to say the man whose son is to be initiated into one of the secret societies according to the tradition of his clan requests a person who is called E'xem to invite the nine brothers and their sister who reside in the House of Xaths and in whose charge the kū'siut is placed. The names of the brothers are Xemxemala'oi la Xem'ntsiwa Ōmqomki'lik a Qo'mtsiwa Amala'oi la Y'umki'lik a Kile'has, Qulaxa'wa Y'mak³ and that of their sister is ctsa'iplelana (see p. 33). In the rear of the house an elevated room is prepared for E'xem in which he lies down. He is covered with rings made of red cedar-bark. For four days he stays

¹ Amer. Mus. Nat. Hist., pp. 1-2.

² I have described this fully in the Annual Report of the U. S. National Museum for 1895, pp. 500ff.

in this room. Then the host sends messengers to invite the people. They take staffs, and tie red cedar-bark round their heads, and go from house to house, singing "Nūyaxdets wa nonōsp'otstse' he!" ("I wish to find some one who understands the winter ceremonial"). This they repeat in every house. Then they return to the host's house, who sends them out again, ordering them to sing, "Qots'ak im totets wa nonōsp'otstse' he!" ("I wish the dancers would wash their hands"). Again they return to his house. They are sent out once more with the message, "Xo'tsak imtotets wa nonōsp'otstse' he!" ("I wish the dancers would make their hands tremble"). They return once more to the chief's house, and are sent out again with the message, "Tapamak tets wa nonōsp'otstse' he!" ("I want the dancers to look at their hands"). Now the dancers are ready, and come to the house. Then E'xem arises and dresses. He puts on a head-dress of birds' skins, ornamented with red cedar-bark. He is accompanied by women. Another man, who is called Nuxxi'a'mi, adorns himself with red cedar-bark. He carries in his right hand a small baton covered with red cedar-bark. In his left he carries a larger stick, on which he beats time with the small baton. He sits down, and now all the people enter. First of all, E'xem comes in, accompanied by many women. Nuxxi'a'mi begins to sing and to beat time, and E'xem shouts "Ooo!" E'xem walks around the fire, keeping it to his left, and shaking his bark. Before he begins the circuit he gives four jumps near the door. Four times he goes round the fire, and every time he reaches the door he gives four jumps. As soon as he does so, Nuxxi'a'mi beats time slowly. When E'xem has finished his dance, the people take him to a place near the door and a woman sings near him. Nuxxi'a'mi and the people join her, then she dances her winter dance. Before she quite finishes the people make her stop, and another woman begins her dance. Nuxxi'a'mi beats time, and the other people join his song. The people make her stop again. Thus a great many people perform their dances. Now E'xem appears again, crying "Ooo!" and Nuxxi'a'mi beats time. Again he jumps four times to the right and four times to the left when reaching the door. After this two more men and two more women perform their dances. After this has been done twice, E'xem stands near the door looking upward and says, "They are very near now." By this time the whole house is full of people. He goes around the house three times dancing. Then he stays near the door looking upward saying all the time, "They are near by." When he reaches the door the fourth time he cries, "They have arrived!" Now they are here dancing on the roof. E'xem continues to dance in the house, in order to induce them to come down. The first to come down is Xēmxcēmala'oi la who stops at the rear of the house and sits down. E'xem continues to dance and the others enter in order. E'xem stands near them and says, "Now I have placed

them. Let the chief give them red cedar-bark." The people take small pieces of blankets, and sew red cedar-bark on to them in designs corresponding to the paintings on the faces of these deities, and they give these to the deities in order to appease them. Then they throw grease into the fire. During all this time É'xém stands in the rear of the house, and when a painting has been finished, the man who offers it to the deity shouts, Xémxémilá'or la táuxtau' ' (' This is Xémxémilá'or la) . And É'xém sings 'Yavak laméts ek a wa k wai triná's ar táux tá'ya al'ar o'matixstús nusk asutstaar'x askkukatitá'ya" . As soon as he has finished his song a loud noise is heard on the roof, as though a heavy stone were falling down. É'xém arises and performs a dance, while the noise of whistles is heard proceeding from him.

I am not familiar with the details of the ceremonial, and shall proceed to record the principal characteristics of the various societies. The Cannibal is initiated in the House of Myths by Ba'txorla. I recorded above (p. 34) how a young man was initiated by this spirit and how he was returned to his friends. The return of the Cannibal is accompanied by ceremonies similar to those recorded in this tradition. It seems that the ceremonies of the Cannibals of various families are much alike, each having a tradition of its own referring to the initiation. It is believed that all the Cannibals, during their initiation, go up to the sky. I was told that on this journey they have to take human flesh along for food. It is said that in former times the chiefs held a council the night preceding the beginning of the ceremonies and any one who wanted to show his liberality offered one of his slaves to be killed in order to serve as food for Ba'txorla. The offer was accepted and a payment made for the slave. The latter was killed and the members of the Ba'txorla order devoured one-half of the body before the departure of the novice to the woods.

The spirit appears to the novice while he is in the woods and takes him up to the House of Myths where he is initiated. Early one morning he returns and is heard outside of the houses. He has lost all his hair except a little in the median line of the head. It is believed that it has been torn off by the strong wind blowing in the higher regions. Some Cannibals do not devour human flesh but tear dogs to pieces or devour raw salmon. The ceremonial consists in pacifying the Cannibal and exorcising the spirit that possesses him. This is the object of the kú'siut ceremonial. After a Cannibal has returned the people try to capture him. When he is first heard to approach the speaker whose face is painted black and who wears a cedar-bark ring, and is covered with eagle-down shouts. Tix má'ts in tak axta'tu tau ar'ots ar. Palx extsalatsténar' tix má'ts in tasiwido'tu tar uotstai' ' (' Arise, it may be our Cannibal. Awake ') . The Cannibal is accompanied by four assistants who are called Alilpa, and who from time to time utter

the cry "Hoip!" which is intended to pacify the Cannibal. They wear masks (Plate XII, Figs 4 and 5). The people try to throw a noose over his head, but he throws it off, refusing to be captured. Then the people shout, "Y'v!" beating time rapidly. The Cannibal tears the ropes that hold him, and disappears. Then the people follow him, and search for him until they find him. As soon as they approach he attacks them, but gradually he becomes quieter. Then the speaker (Alk^o) invites the people to the dancing-house, saying, "Ip'a'nap kukustau't!" That means, "Dance, dancers!" Now the Cannibal opens the door, accompanied by his assistants. He wears the mask shown in Plate XII Fig 3. At once a number of women arise, ready to surround him as soon as he enters the house. They are called "Ara'au'trimx." The speaker, who holds a staff, arises and shouts "Ö n ya'li-watimotx Alqolavak a's!" That means, "Act like a real Cannibal." The Cannibal utters his cry, "Hoaaa, hoaaa, hoaaa!" ending with a long deep growl. He stays in the doorway for a long time. Then he steps into the house, turns his left shoulder outward once, bites one man on the right-hand side of the house and one on the left-hand side, and then performs his circuit of the fire, leaving the fire to his left. In dancing he holds his fists in front of his chest, one on each side. He moves in a stooping position, raising his feet very high. He dances for four nights, during which time the people try to pacify him by means of songs and dances. After he has first been induced to enter the house he becomes quieter. Then he tells the people what he has seen during his absence, and the song-leader makes a song on the subject. The women do not learn about the events that took place during his absence until they hear the song. After four days the ceremony of exorcising the S'a'ipsta (Plate XII Figs 6 and 7) the monster that possesses him is performed. A large dish is ornamented with red cedar-bark, and the assistant of the S'a'ipsta (Plate XII Fig 8) by means of incantations makes the Cannibal vomit the snake, or the wolf or the eagle that possesses him. Then he is seen to carry the head of the animal under his left arm while the body is seen in the rear, being held by his assistants. Then this animal is seen to vomit flesh and blood into the dish which has been prepared for the purpose. The Cannibal's assistants cover the body of the animal with down while they cry from time to time "Hoip!" Then the people beat time very rapidly, and suddenly the S'a'ipsta has disappeared. The people beat time four times, and after this the Cannibal has become like an ordinary man. He walks around the fire, which he keeps to his right, and says, "Now Bi'xoi't has left me." The contents of the dish are thrown into the water, but the dish itself is burned in the dancing-house. It is supposed that it is thus conveyed to heaven. After the dish has been burned the Cannibal does not dance any more. Then a bed is prepared for him in the rear of the house in which he must stay for four days. After this, he is

allowed to re-enter the houses, but before doing so for the first time, he must stop at the door and shout, "Wa wa, wa!" Then he jumps over the threshold. Accompanied by many men, he is led, after four days more to the river for final purification. He is pushed into the water, but struggles to free himself. He tries to duck his companions, and utters his cries. Finally he is led back. Then he weeps, because the spirit has left him entirely. The people beat time while he is going back to the house. Then he is offered a piece of salmon, which is placed on his throat while the people shout, "Hoip, hoip!" The salmon is taken away again and after some time he is allowed to take one bite. Then he must lie down. After the dancing season is ended he is again allowed to eat in the same way as other people do. The piece of salmon that was placed on his throat is eaten by children as a protection against sickness. Finally a ceremony is performed which is called "taking the lip of the S'a'ipsta out of the Cannibal's body." While this is being done the people cry "Hoip!" Then they throw the lip upon another Cannibal, who at once falls into an ecstasy. Then the shaman takes it back and throws it up towards the sky, where it disappears. The dish and the spoon that the Cannibal used during his ecstasy are destroyed. For four years he must wear a small ring of red cedar-bark in summer as well as in winter.

The Ölx is also initiated in heaven by the being described before (p. 35). There are different traditions regarding his initiation among different clans. Some Ölx, during their performances walk ropes which are stretched through the house. When he returns from his initiation small whistles, called *car'lava* which imitate the voices of eagles, are heard outside of the houses. Then the Ölx enters in a state of ecstasy scratching the people who assemble to hold him and tearing their blankets. Finally the people succeed in placing a blanket over his head and he begins to come to his senses. When he enters the house the people beat time then he reaches the chorus-leader a song. The mask worn by the Ölx is quite large and characterized by a large nose (Plate XII Fig. 9). He carries a dancing-club (Plate XII Fig. 10) and rings made of red cedar-bark. He is accompanied by two assistants who also wear masks.

VII

We will now discuss the probable origin of the mythology described in the preceding pages. In order to do so it is necessary to make a brief statement in regard to the social organization of the neighboring tribes. In another paper¹ I have fully discussed the considerable amount of borrowing that has taken place among the Coast tribes and the relation of their

¹Indische Sagen von der nord-pazifischen Küste Amerikas. Berlin, 1872, pp. 31-33.

mythologies to those of the interior. It is unnecessary to revert to this subject here. The similarity of the Bella Coola legends to those of the other Coast tribes on the one hand, and to the traditions of the Athapascan tribes on the other, is evident.

It is, however, important to compare their social organization with that of the neighboring tribes, in order to gain a clearer understanding of the origin of their peculiar organization. As stated before, the Bella Coola are divided into village communities, which are organized on an endogamic basis. Each village community has its tradition, which is represented in certain ceremonies. The supernatural beings which play a part in these traditions are personified by certain dancers. Other Coast tribes have a much more complex organization. The Tlingit and Haida are divided into two clans, each of which is subdivided into a great many families, which, as it would seem were originally village communities. This opinion is based on the fact that the names of many of the families must be translated as "inhabitants of such and such a place." The two clans are present in all the villages of the tribe each family belonging to either one clan or the other. The Isimshian have the same system except that the number of clans is four instead of two. Each tribe is divided into families which embrace the inhabitants of a certain region, but all the families of the whole tribe are classified according to the four clans. Among the Haida Tlingit and Isimshian descent is purely maternal among the northern Kwakiutl tribes conditions are somewhat different according to observations made by Dr. Livingston Farrand. Here we have village communities which are subdivided according to four clans in the same way as those of the Isimshian but descent is not purely maternal. There is a strong preponderance of the latter form of descent but parents are at liberty to place their children in either the paternal or maternal clan. The preponderance of maternal descent is however so strong that from my previous occasional inquiries I drew the inference that descent was purely maternal.

Among the southern Kwakiutl tribes the families constituting a village community are subdivided into a number of clans, but each clan is confined to one village. We do not find a limited number of clans pervading the whole tribe as we do among the northern tribes. An analysis of the social organization of this tribe has shown that the present organization has evidently developed from a previous simpler state, in which the tribe was divided into single village communities. The present more complex organization resulted from the amalgamation of various villages. Owing to the influence of the totemism of the northern tribes, each village community adopted a crest which in course of time became the totem of the clan¹. The Kwakiutl have a peculiar organization which may be considered a transitional stage between

¹Secret Societies of the Kwakiutl Indians. Report of the U. S. National Museum for 1895, p. 324.

maternal and paternal institutions. Descent is in the paternal line, but a man, at the time of his marriage receives his father-in-law's crest as a dowry, which he holds in trust for his son, so that actually each individual inherits the crest of his maternal grandfather. The clans are exogamic.

The organization of the Salish tribes of the southern coast who are linguistically closely related to the Bella Coola, is somewhat similar to that of the Kwakiutl. They are divided into village communities, a few of which have amalgamated as, for instance, among the Salish tribes of Vancouver Island among whom the tribe consists of a number of septs each of which owns a separate village. Here the influence of northern totemism is very much weaker. While most of the village communities have certain crests these do not play so important a part in the social life of the tribe or in its mythology as they do among the Kwakiutl, and the village communities are not exogamic. The Salish tribes of the interior are organized in very loose village communities without any trace of totem.

The fundamental difference between the northern tribes and the southern tribes consists therefore in the fact, that the northern tribes have a limited number of clans which are present in all the villages, while among the southern tribes the village community is the only unit of organization.

The organization of the Bella Coola resembles most closely that of the Coast Salish tribes of southern British Columbia. In both cases the tribe is divided into village communities, which possess crests and traditions. This latter feature is, however very much more strongly developed among the Bella Coola than among the southern tribes. They differ in their laws of intermarriage. While among the southern Coast Salish tribes there is a tendency to exogamy the Bella Coola have developed a system of endogamy.

The tribes of the Coast Salish of the Gulf of Georgia claim descent from mythical ancestors who are believed to have originated at the place which the tribe now inhabit. A number of traditions of this kind bear evidence of having been derived from historical events. Some of the tribes in the delta of Fraser River have traditions which refer to the amalgamation of tribes who descended from the mountains and who are described as the descendants of animals living in the mountains and of the natives of the delta.¹ I believe that the tribal traditions of the Bella Coola which were told in a previous chapter also bear evidence of the historical fates of the tribe. It is very remarkable that the important tradition of Totoso'nx gives Fraser River as the place to which he descended from heaven. In another tradition Bute Inlet is given as the place at which one of the Bella Coola tribes originated. In still another one Skeena River is mentioned as the home of one of the tribes (see p. 69). I do not doubt that these allusions to territory

¹Ninth Report of the Committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science on the North Western Tribes of Canada, 1894, p. 5.

inhabited by Salish tribes refer to the early separation of the Bella Coola tribe from the related tribes of the Gulf of Georgia, and that in their traditions they have retained the memory of the emigration of part of the tribe from the southern territory. It seems also probable that the allusion to the origin of one family of the tribe on Skeena River refers to a mixture with the tribes inhabiting northern British Columbia.

The traditions of the tribes also describe the style of house used by the ancestors of certain village communities, and it is interesting to note that some of these houses correspond to the subterranean lodges that were in use among the Chilcotin, while others correspond to the tents that were in use among the Carriers. It is said that the ancestor of the Nulc'ix used the subterranean lodge which is called ts'f'pa (see p. 87), while the ancestor of the Nusq'elst used the skin lodge which is called sk ma (see p. 64).

Since the Bella Coola retain the fundamental traits of the social organization of their congeners in the south, and since their traditions bear evidence of an emigration from that region, and since, furthermore, the linguistic evidence proves that the Bella Coola and the Coast Salish at one time inhabited contiguous areas on the coast, we are justified in assuming that the general culture of the Bella Coola at the time of their emigration must have resembled that of the Coast Salish. The question then arises, How did the peculiar endogamic system and the remarkable mythology of the Bella Coola originate from the much simpler forms that we find among the Coast Salish?

One of the most remarkable features in the inner life of the tribes of the northern coast of British Columbia is the great importance of the clan legend, which is considered one of the most valuable properties of each clan or family. It is carefully guarded in the same way as material property and an attempt on the part of a person not a member of the clan to tell the tradition as his own is considered one of the gravest offences against property rights. The possession of a clan tradition is felt by the Indian to be one of his most important prerogatives. When therefore the Bella Coola settled on Bella Coola River and were thrown into contact with the northern Coast tribes the lack of a well-developed clan tradition must have been felt as a serious drawback. The physical appearance of the Bella Coola proves that at one time they must have intermarried to a great extent with the Bella Bella. Through these marriages the peculiar customs of the Coast tribes were first introduced among them. This is shown by the fact that a great many of the mythological names can be proved to be of Kwakiutl origin, of which stock the Bella Bella are a branch. Thus the name for their supreme deity Smat'vakila, is a Kwakiutl word meaning the one who must be worshipped. The name Ó'mq'ómkálík is also of Kwakiutl origin and may be translated as 'the wealthiest one'. The great frequency of

words of Kwakiutl derivation will become clear by a glance at the following list, which contains words that can be proved to be of Kwakiutl origin —

U'okoh - salmon	Onq onki'lik (p. 33) (Kwakiutl Q o'mq om k'lik i) - the wealthiest one
Alk ^u = speaker	Po't is
L'misk in (p. 49) (Kwakiutl He'misk in) = the greatest chief	O'naish'qs (p. 49)
Hu'hau (p. 100) - a fabulous bird	O'omo'qo (p. 52) = the wealthy one
T'qog'ili - the copper miter	O'o'mq'utis (p. 49) - rich at opposite side of river
T'qume'iks - sister of Mismisil'mix (the ending <i>iks</i> designates 'woman' in Kwakiutl)	Q'o'misow (p. 33) = wealthy at mouth of river
Tequm'it - mythological name of deer	Sm'u'ikili (p. 29) = the one who must be worshipped
Ma'tak'itu	S'suit - a fabulous fish or snake (pp. 28-44-48)
M'nts'i't (p. 48)	Sm'yalo'olli (p. 29)
M'it'lo' - the country of the salmon (p. 38) (Kwakiutl, mc) = salmon	T'o'pew is (p. 97) - the fawn
No'akili (pp. 49-66)	Winw'ini (p. 38) - war
O'ment'is (p. 70) - the real O'men	Wi'k'it'em'u (p. 20) = the greatest river
O'ment'mu (p. 70)	

With these names and customs the clan traditions must have found their way to the Bella Coola but their social organization differed fundamentally from that of the Bella Bella branch of the Kwakiutl. While the latter owing to intimate contact with the northern tribes had adopted the four-clan system with prevalent maternal descent the Bella Coola were still distinctly divided into village communities that were not exogamic. It seems very likely that the jealousy with which the ownership of a clan tradition was guarded by the Coast tribes was very early introduced among the Bella Coola. Two means were available for preventing outsiders from acquiring the traditions. Among the Coast tribes with prevailing maternal institutions among whom a limited number of clans existed the ordinary law of inheritance was sufficient to retain the tradition inside of the clan. Not so among the Bella Coola. If their organization at an early time was similar to that of the Coast Salish it is likely that the child was counted as well a member of the father's as of the mother's family although the young woman generally moved to the village occupied by her husband. If the child belonged to the families of both parents it had the right to use the tradition of either family and consequently in the course of a few generations the traditions acquired by each family would have spread practically over the whole tribe. There were only two methods possible to avoid this result. The one was to prevent marriages outside the village community and this method would seem to have been most natural for a tribe organized in village communities members of which were allowed to intermarry. The other method would have been to regulate the laws of inheritance in such a way that the child had to

follow either father or mother, but that it had not the right to use the property of both parents. It seems to my mind that the former method was more likely to develop under the existing social conditions, and that to this reason we must ascribe the development of an endogamic system among the Bella Coola. The occurrence of endogamic marriage among this tribe is quite isolated on the Pacific coast. All the other tribes have exogamic institutions, and by this means preserve their property rights. It is interesting to note that the southern Kwakiutl, who originally seem to have been organized in village communities, have adopted exogamic institutions, but there is a notable difference, in the organization of the village community, between the Bella Coola and the Kwakiutl. Among the Bella Coola we generally find four ancestors to each village—usually three men and one woman. It is true that these are generally called brothers and sister but they were created independently by SENX, and are therefore not necessarily considered as blood relations. Among the Kwakiutl the village community are considered the descendants of one single being, consequently, among the latter tribe they are all relatives, who are forbidden to intermarry, while among the Bella Coola they are not relatives and may intermarry.

My inference is therefore that the curious social system of the Bella Coola developed through the influence of the customs of the Coast tribes upon the loose social unit of the Salish village community. The possession of clan traditions was felt as a great advantage and consequently the desire developed to possess clan traditions. These were acquired partly by intermarriage with the Coast tribes, as is shown by the fact that many of these traditions are borrowed from these tribes, partly by independent invention. The desire to guard the traditions which were once acquired led to the development of endogamic institutions in order to prevent the spread of the traditions over the whole tribe.

The jealousy with which the traditions are guarded has had the effect of making each family try to prevent other families from knowing its own clan tradition. For this reason the clan traditions of the whole tribe are remarkably inconsistent. We find for instance that the well-known raven legend of the northern Coast tribes has been utilized by many families as a family tradition. But while one family uses one part of the tradition, other families use other parts of the same tradition. Thus it happens that among the Bella Coola we find the most contradictory myths in regard to important events in the world's history. Some families maintain that the Raven liberated the sun, while according to another one the Mink was essential in bringing about the present state of affairs. Still others say that Totoso'nx, during his travels, caused the sun to appear. The discrepancies in the traditions referring to the visit of the Mink and Wasp to their father the Sun are also very remarkable. Although a considerable amount of

contradiction is inherent in all the mythologies of the North Pacific coast, they nowhere reach such a degree as among the Bella Coola, and I presume the fact that the traditions are kept secret by the various families accounts for this curious condition.

The prayers of the Bella Coola directed to *Sɛnɛ* or *Ta'ata* bear a remarkable resemblance to the prayers of the Tsimshian addressed to *Laxha*, the sky. In both tribes we find the idea that when the Sun wipes his face it will be clear weather, and man will be happy, consequently the prayer to the deity "to wipe his face" occurs quite often.

One of the most important customs that the Bella Coola borrowed from the Coast tribes is the *kú'siut* ceremonial with which are connected the various secret societies, particularly the custom of ceremonial cannibalism. The ceremonies and the paraphernalia used by the Bella Coola and by the Kwakiutl are practically identical. I told above (p. 34) the legend explaining the origin of cannibalism. Among the Bella Coola and Kwakiutl another tradition is told to explain the origin of this custom. The tradition tells of a spirit called *Baxbakualanuxsi'wač*, who lives in the forest and who initiates the members of the Cannibal Society. The series of traditions clustering around this being differ fundamentally from those referring to the Cannibal Society of the Bella Coola. The custom has also spread to the Tsimshian, who say that the secret societies were introduced by a hunter who was taken into the inside of a cliff by a white bear. Inside he saw a house, in which the various societies were performing their ceremonies. It appears therefore that the same ritual which is practised by three distinct tribes is explained by three fundamentally distinct myths, and we must conclude that in this case the ritual is older than the myth,—that the latter has been invented in order to explain customs that were borrowed from foreign tribes so that the ritual is the primary phenomenon while the myth is secondary.¹

These considerations explain some of the psychological motives for the development of certain traditions and myths, as well as the curious inconsistency of the clan traditions of the Bella Coola. They do not however explain the most fundamental characteristic of the traditions of the tribe. I pointed out in the third chapter of this paper that notwithstanding the numerous contradictions contained in family legends the conception of the word and the functions of the various deities are so well defined that we must consider the mythology of this tribe vastly superior to that of the neighboring tribes. While the latter believe in a great many spirits which are not co-ordinated we have here a system of deities. The existence of a systematic mythology among the Bella Coola proves that under favorable conditions the advance from the lower forms of beliefs to higher forms may be a very rapid one.

Our analysis shows that this system cannot be considered as an importation but that it probably developed among the Bella Coola themselves. After they removed to their new home, a mass of foreign ideas had come into their possession through contact with their new neighbors. While these new ideas were being remodelled and assimilated they stimulated the minds of the people or of a few members of the tribe, who were thus led to the formation of an elaborate concept of the world. The concept which they have developed agrees in all its main features with those created by men of other zones and of other races. The mind of the Bella Coola philosopher operating with the class of knowledge common to the earlier strata of culture has reached conclusions similar to those that have been formed by man the world over when operating with the same class of knowledge. On the other hand, the Bella Coola has also adopted ready-made the thoughts of his neighbors, and has adapted them to his environment. These two results of our inquiry emphasize the close relation between the comparative and the historic methods of ethnology, which are so often held to be antagonistic. Each is a check upon rash conclusions that might be attained by the application of one alone. It is just as uncritical to see in an analogy of a single trait of culture that occurs in two distinct regions, undoubted proof of early historical connection as to reject the possibility of such connection because sometimes the same ideas develop independently in the human mind. Ethnology is rapidly outgrowing the tendency to accept imperfect evidence as proof of historical connection, but the comparative ethnologist is hardly beginning to see that he has no right to scoff at the historical method. Our inquiry shows that safe conclusions can be derived only by a careful analysis of the whole culture. The growth of the myths of the Bella Coola can be understood only when we consider the culture of the tribe as a whole. And so it is with other phenomena. All traits of culture can be fully understood only in connection with the whole culture of a tribe. When we confine ourselves to comparing isolated traits of culture we open the door to misinterpretations without number.

It, then, the demand is made for a more critical method in the comparative study of ethnology than it has generally been accorded, it does not imply a depreciation of the results of the method. When the human mind evolves an idea, or when it borrows the same idea we may assume that it has been evolved or accepted because it conforms with the organization of the human mind, else it would not be evolved or accepted. The wider the distribution of an idea original or borrowed the closer must be its conformity with the laws governing the activities of the human mind. Historical analysis will furnish the data referring to the growth of ideas among different people and comparisons of the processes of their growth will give us knowledge of the laws which govern the evolution and selection of ideas.

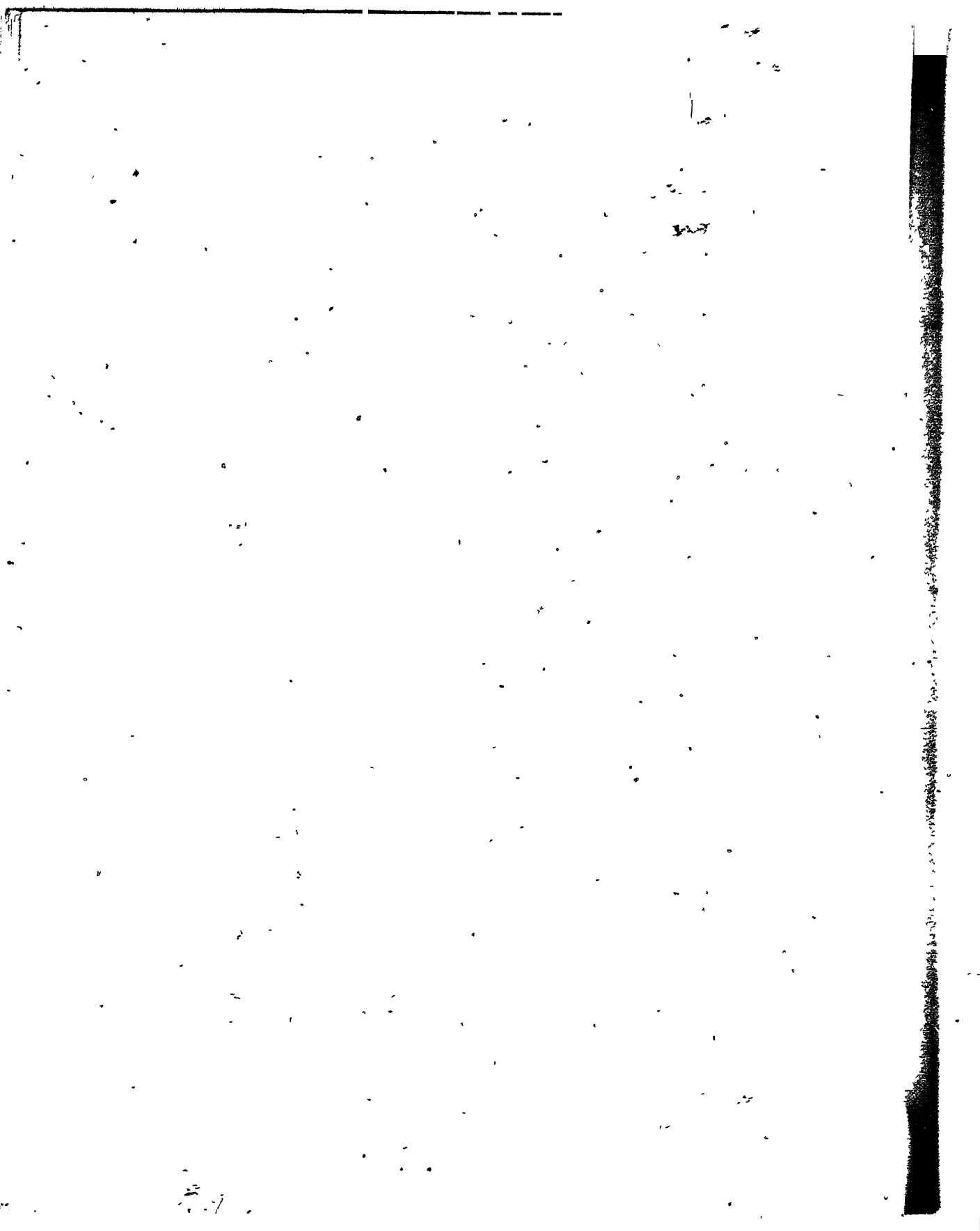


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EXPLANATION OF PLATE VII

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white natural color of wool

- Fig 1 — Mask representing Serx (front and profile) Natural color nostrils red, eye brows black Height 29 inches Cut No. 1434
- Fig 2 — Mask representing Aikuntäm (front and profile) Natural color, nostrils red eyebrows black Height, 30 inches Cut No. 1435
- Fig 3 — Mask representing the Singer of the House of Myths Blue red black Height 15 inches Cut No. 1434
- Fig 4 — Mask representing Sndik uläls (front and profile) Natural color black Height 23 inches Cut No. 1435
- Fig 5 — Mask representing Kexcknem (front and profile) Natural color black Height, 13 inches Cut No. 1432
- Fig 6 — Mask representing Sæsekilux (front and profile) Natural color black Height 31 inches Cut No. 1435
- Fig 7 — Double mask representing Nuscneqils (opened closed and profile of inner mask) Inner face red blue and black* inner side of wings black and red outer face black red blue Height 14 inches Cut No. 1431
- Fig 8 — Mask representing Snoolivets Aikuntäm (the deer) Nostrils and mouth red forehead and eye region blue eyebrows eyes nose black rest natural color Height 9 inches Cut No. 1435
- Fig 9 — Mask representing Smitmäni Natural color Thick spots blue lines red Height 9½ inches Cut No. 1431
- Fig 10 — Mask representing Avulivä (front and profile) Black blue red Height 10½ inches Cut No. 1432
- Fig 11 — Mask representing Avulivä (front and profile) Red green black Height 10 inches Cut No. 1431
- Fig 12 — Mask representing Smotxnaelit Natural color black orange Height 9 inches Cut No. 1431
- Fig 13 — Mask representing Smotxmutut Blue black red natural color Height 10 inches Cut No. —



Masks of the Bella Coola Indians

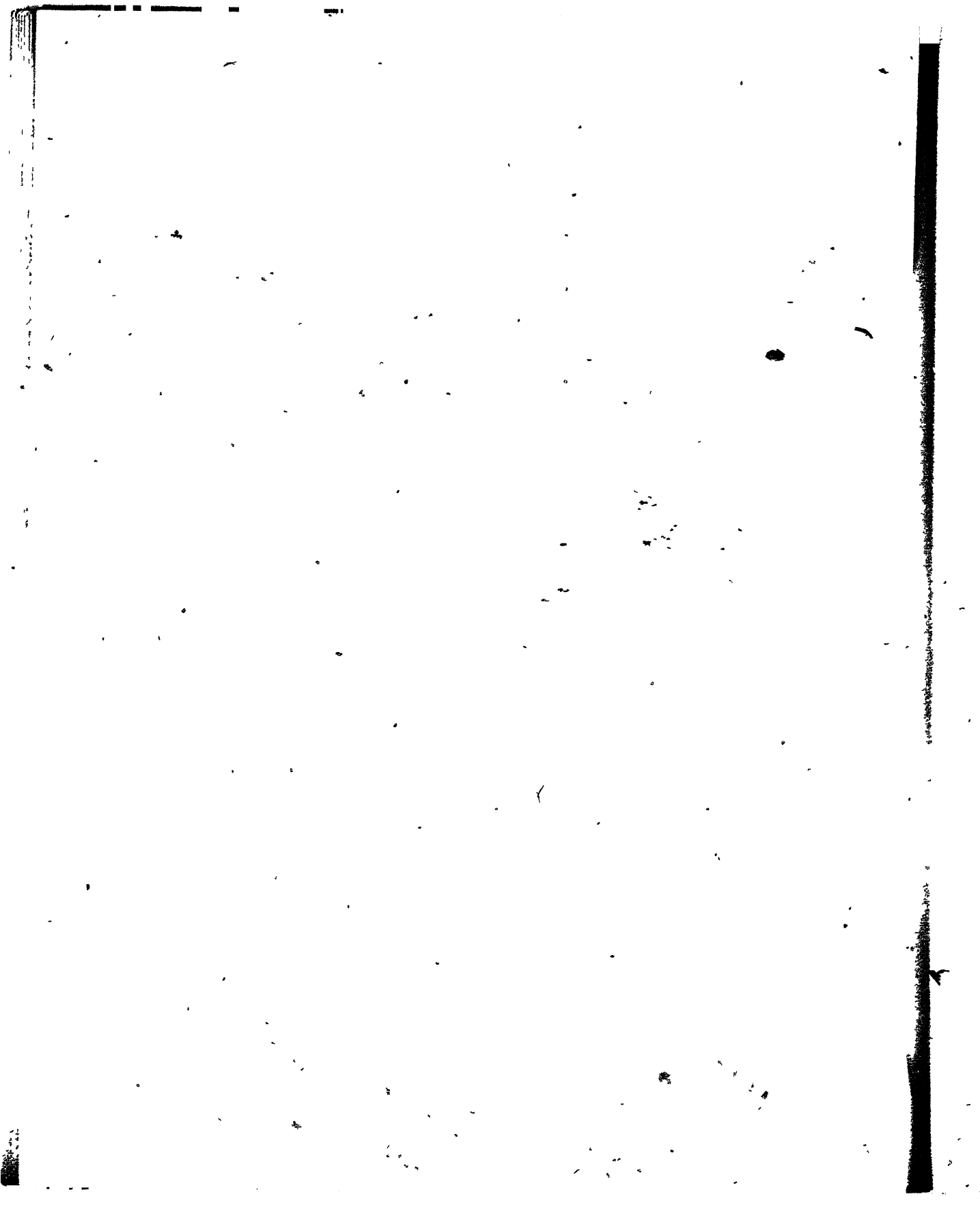
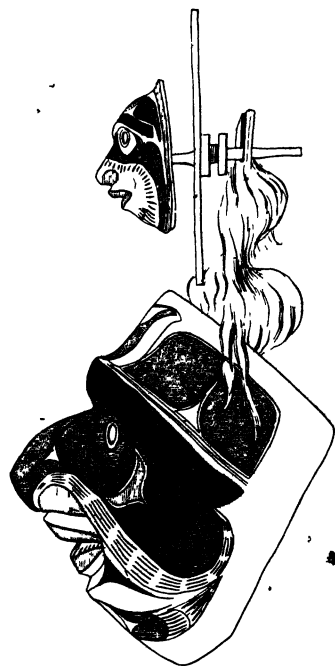


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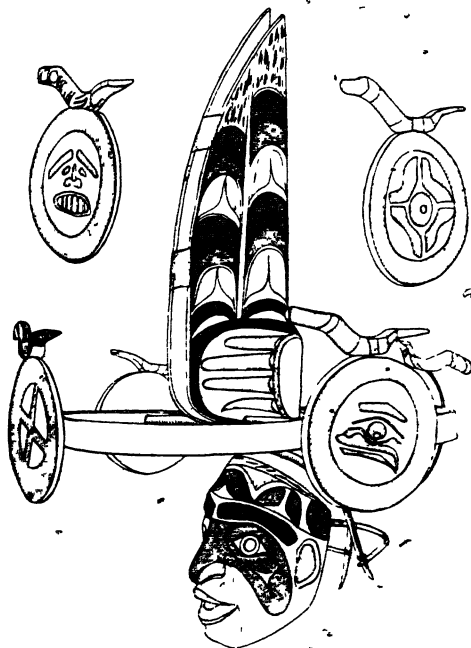
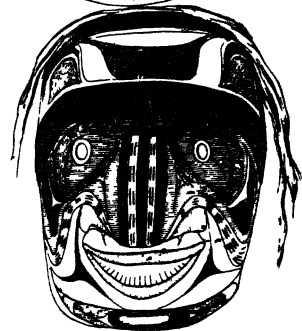
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* Cross-hatchure indicate black, vertical hatchure red, horizontal blue, white natural color of wood

- Fig. 1 — Mask representing Mutipalitsek (profile and front) Black, red, blue
Height 28 inches. Cut No. 1443
- Fig. 2 — Mask representing Mutimot and details of ornaments attached to head
ring. Black, red, blue. Height 21 inches. Cut No. 1444
- Fig. 3 — Mask representing Mutipecock. Black, red, blue. Height 9 inches.
Cut No. 1445
- Fig. 4 — Mask representing Mutulak. Black, red, blue. Height 10 inches.
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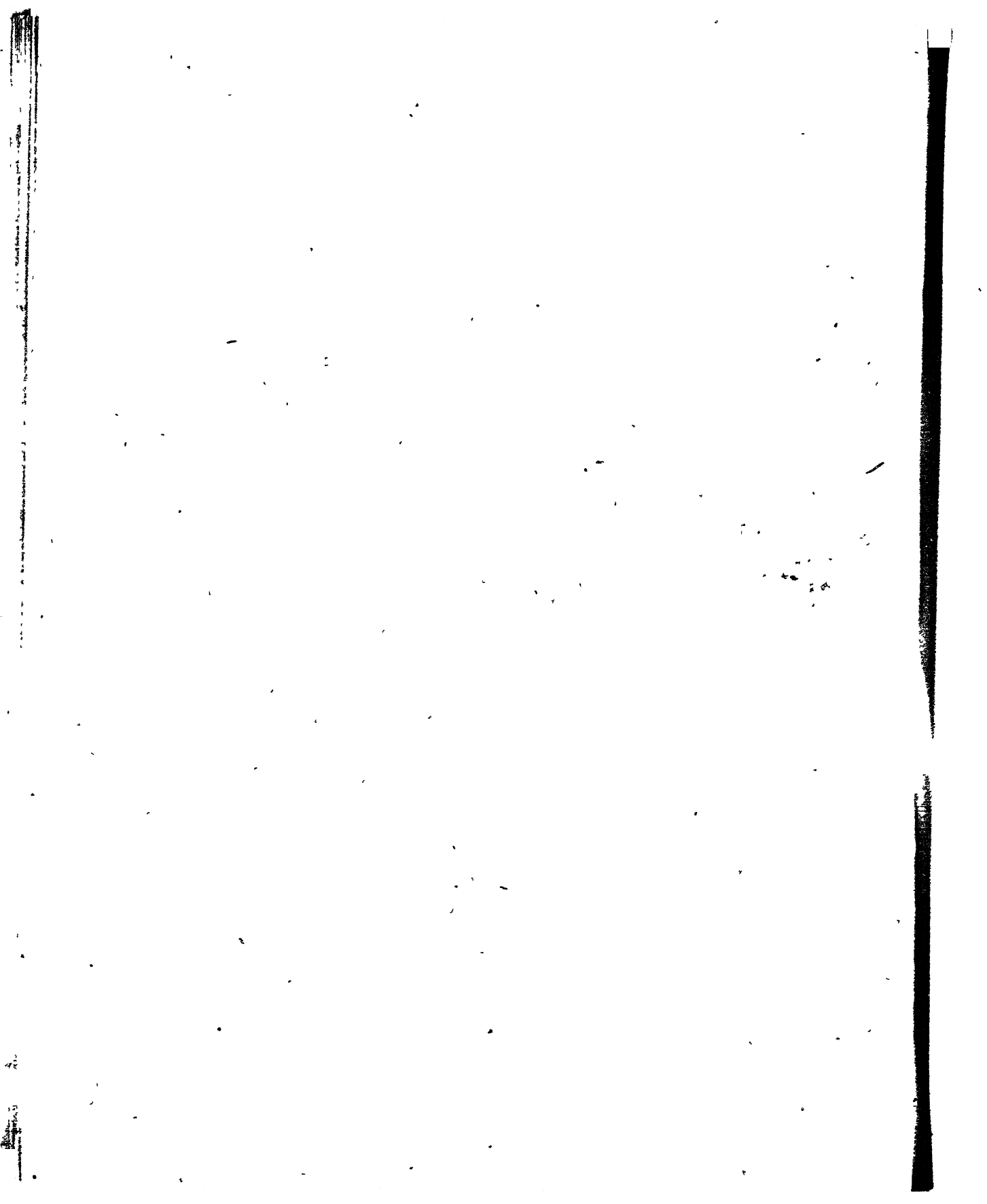


PLATE IX

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*. Cross-hachure indicates black vertical hachure red white, natural color of wood

- Fig 1 — Mask representing Xemxemali otla (front and profile) Design full moon
Natural color black red Height 13½ inches Cat No 14⁶₀
- Fig 2 — Mask representing Xemtsiwa (front and profile) Design full moon Natural
color black red Height 12 inches (at No 14⁶₁)
- Fig 3 — Mask representing Ömq ömkilik 1 (front and profile) Design half-moon
Natural color black, red Height 12 inches (at No 14⁶₂)
- Fig 4 — Mask representing Q'ö mtsiwa (front and profile) Design half-moon Natural
color black red Height 12 inches (at No 14⁶₃)
- Fig 5 — Mask representing Atumkilik 1 (front and profile) Design stars Natural
color black red Height, 12 inches (at No 14⁶₅)
- Fig 6 — Mask representing K'ale has wearing a ring of red cedar bark (front and pro-
file) Design rainbow Natural color black red Height 14 inches
(at No 14⁶₄)
- Fig 7 — Mask representing Q'ulxé w 1 (front and profile) Design salmon berry blos-
som Natural color black red Height 12 inches (at No 14⁶₆)
- Fig 8 — Mask representing Ät mak* (the kingsher) Wings at sides of head tail over
the forehead Natural color black Height 12 inches (at No 14⁶₇)
- Fig 9 — Mask representing t'etsi'plel'm 1 wearing a ring of red and white cedar-bark
(front and profile) Design grease bladder Natural color black red
Height 14 inches (at No 14⁶₈)



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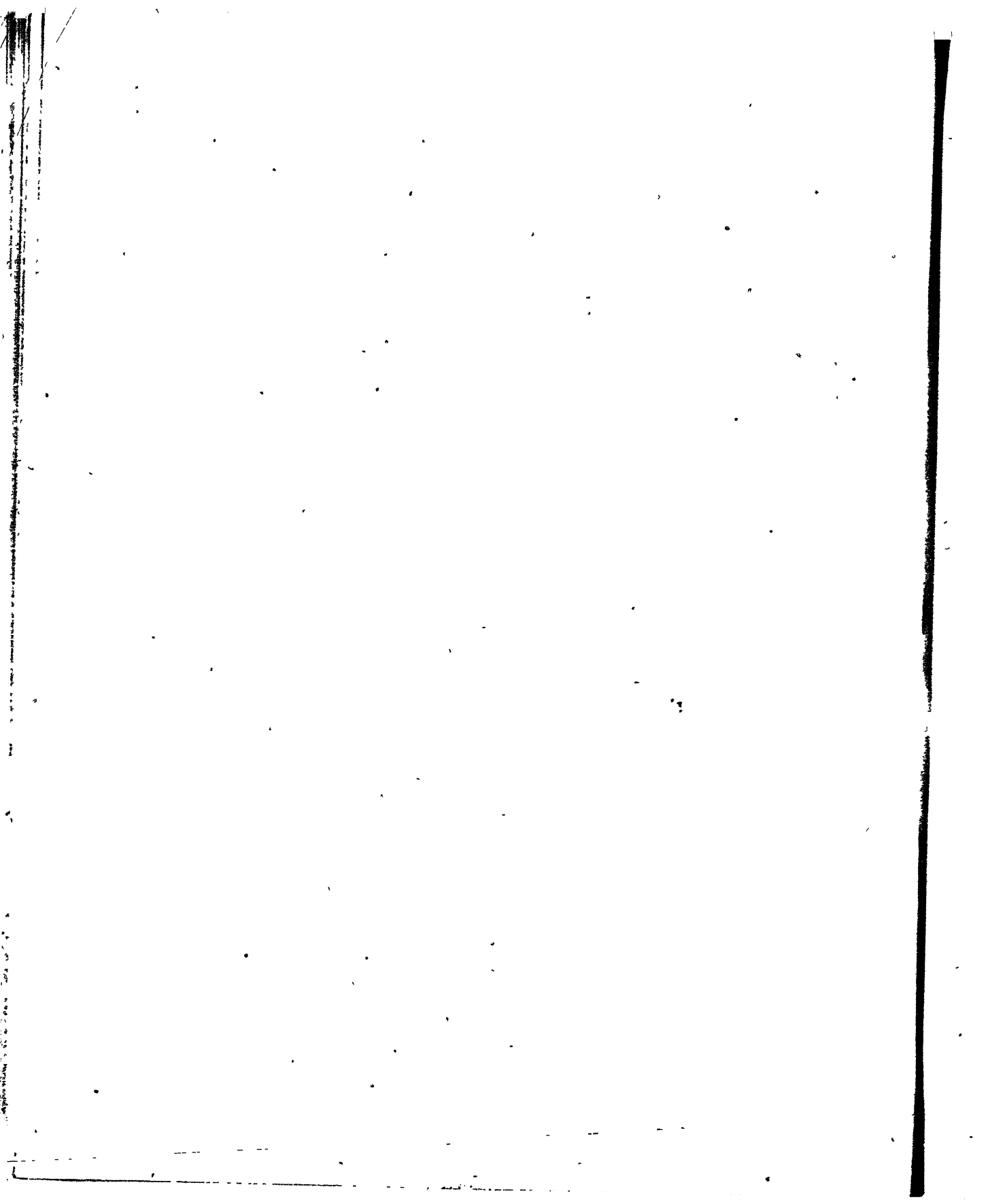


PLATE V

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* Cross-hatched white, black, vertical hatched red, diagonal, green, white, natural color of wood except in cases where the whole mask is black.

- Fig. 1 — Mask representing Naqumiqotsix. Black, red, ornamented with red cedar bark. Height, 16 inches. Cut No. 1441.
- Fig. 2 — Mask representing the Bear of Heaven. Green, black, red. Height, 12 inches. Cut No. 1443.
- Fig. 3 — Mask representing Aikveinim (front and profile). Natural color, red, black, green. Height, 8 inches. Cut No. 1442.
- Fig. 4 — Mask representing Aiqoivosnem (front and profile). Natural color, black. Height, 9½ inches. Cut No. 1441.
- Fig. 5 — Mask representing Aiqoivosnem (front and profile). Natural color, black. Height, 9½ inches. Cut No. 1441.
- Fig. 6 — Mask representing Aiqoivosnem (front and profile). Natural color, black. Height, 9½ inches. Cut No. 1441.
- Fig. 7 — Mask representing Nonoosqi before the birth of the flowers (front and profile). Greenish with faint reddish spots, black. Height, 9 inches. Cut No. 1445.
- Fig. 8 — Mask representing the shaman of Nonoosqi (front and profile). Black, white, streaks under eyes. Height, 10 inches. Cut No. 1442.
- Fig. 9 — Mask representing Nonoosqi after the birth of the flowers (front and profile). Natural color, black. Height, 9 inches. Cut No. 1445.
- Fig. 10 — Mask representing Antuuli (the moon). Natural color, black. Height, 16 inches. Cut No. 1444.
- Fig. 11 — Mask representing attendant of Nonoosqi (front and profile). Natural color, red, black. Height, 11½ inches. Cut No. 1446.
- Fig. 12 — Mask representing the Black Bear. Natural color, green, red, black. Length, 15 inches. Cut No. 1447.



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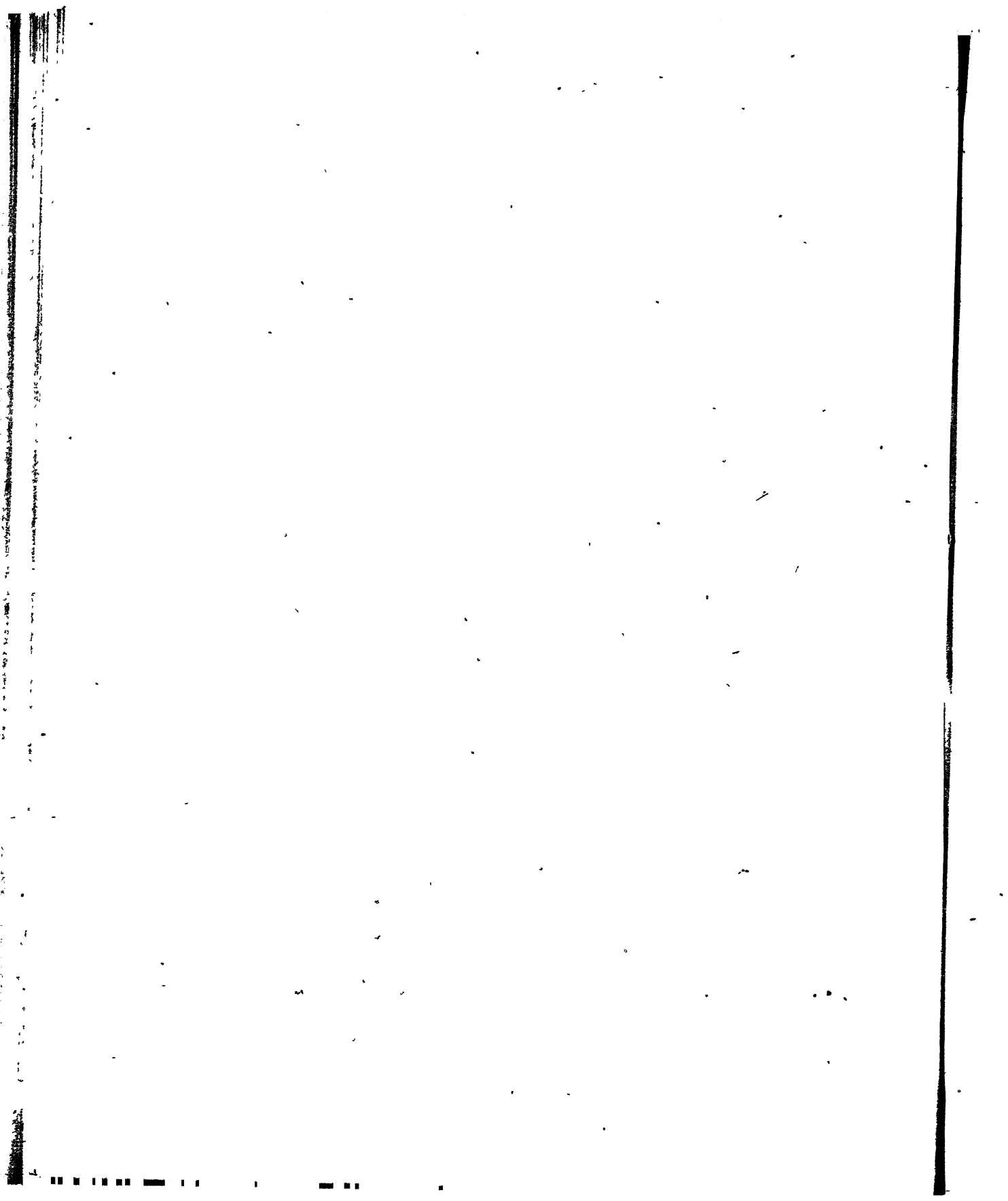
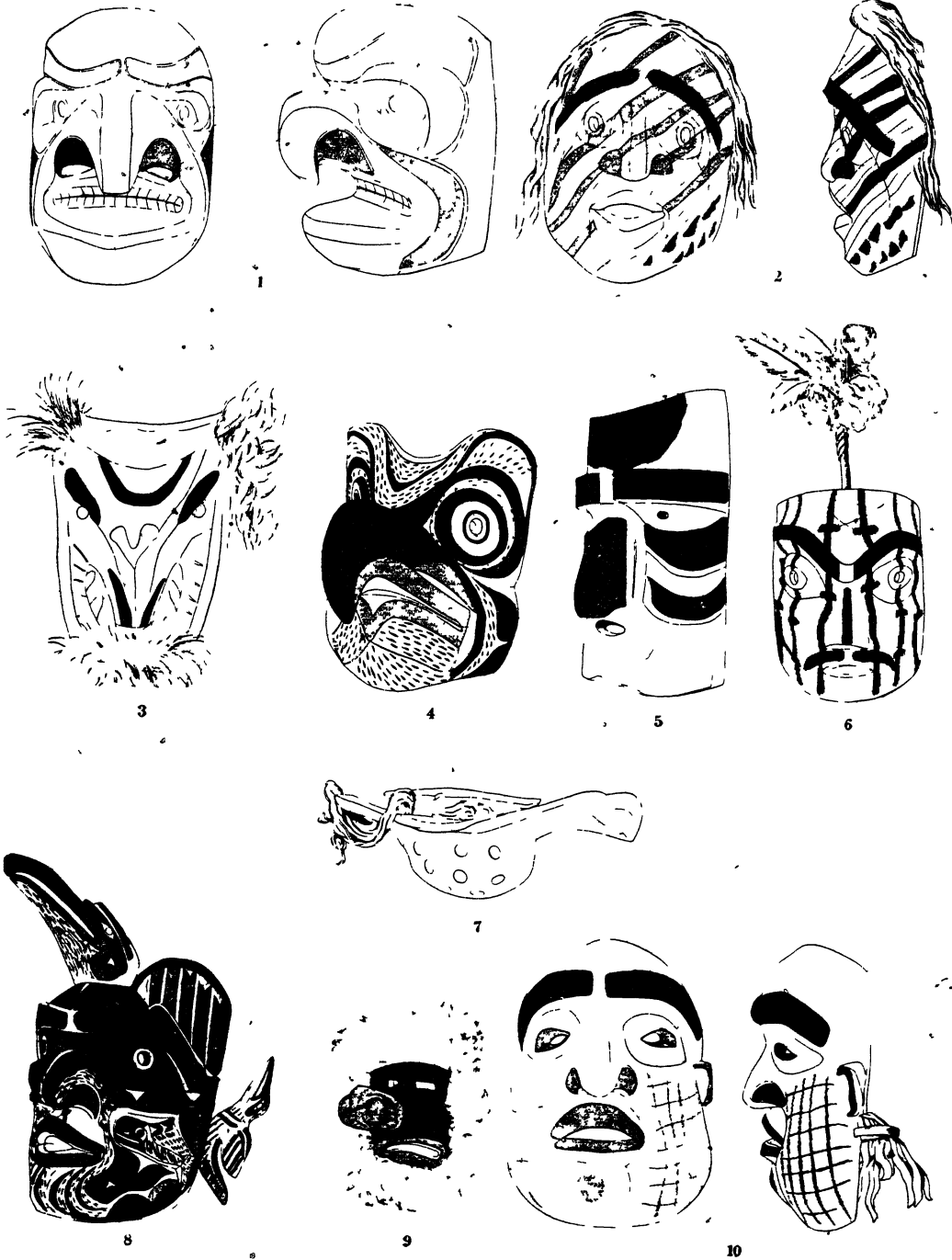


PLATE XI

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* * * Cross-hatchure indicates black vertical hatchure red horizontal blue dots orange white natural color of wood except in cases where the whole mask is black

- Fig. 1 — Mask representing the thunder bird (front and profile) Black, red Height 11½ inches Cat No 1443
- Fig. 2 — Mask representing Atxulá trinum (front and profile) Ornamented with red cedar-bark Orange blue Height 12 inches Cat No 1444
- Fig. 3 — Mask representing the rabbit Set with mountain goat skin Natural color black Height, 13 inches Cat No 1445
- Fig. 4 — Mask representing the owl Black red Height, 12 inches Cat No 1446
- Fig. 5 — Mask representing 10 jots (the mountain) Natural color black Height 19½ inches Cat No 1448
- Fig. 6 — Mask representing the rindrop On top of the mask is a long switch set with feathers, only the lower part of which is shown Natural color black Height, 10 inches Cat No 1449
- Fig. 7 — Bird-shaped implement worn by a companion of the thunder-bird It is filled with eagle-down During the dance it is shaken and the down flies out of the holes in the lower part of the implement and from the back Length 18 inches Cat No 1452
- Fig. 8 — Mask representing the sea monster Kilyta Red, blue black Height 19 inches Cat No 1452
- Fig. 9 — Mask representing the spirit tulinu Black orange set with bear skin Height 9 inches Cat No 1451
- Fig. 10 — Mask representing the hermaphrodite (front and profile) Natural color red black Height 14 inches Cat No 1451



Masks and Carving of the Bella Coola Indians

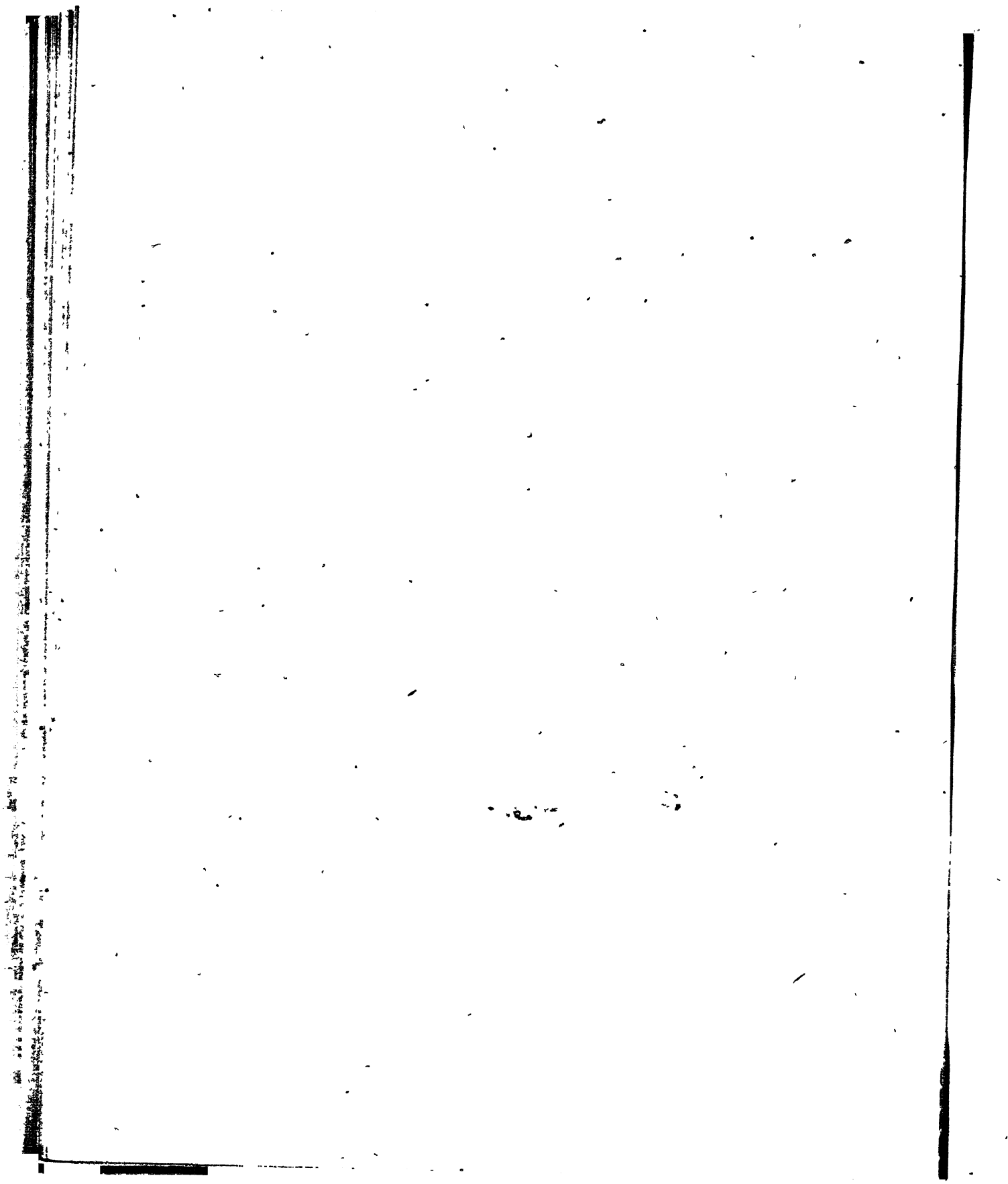
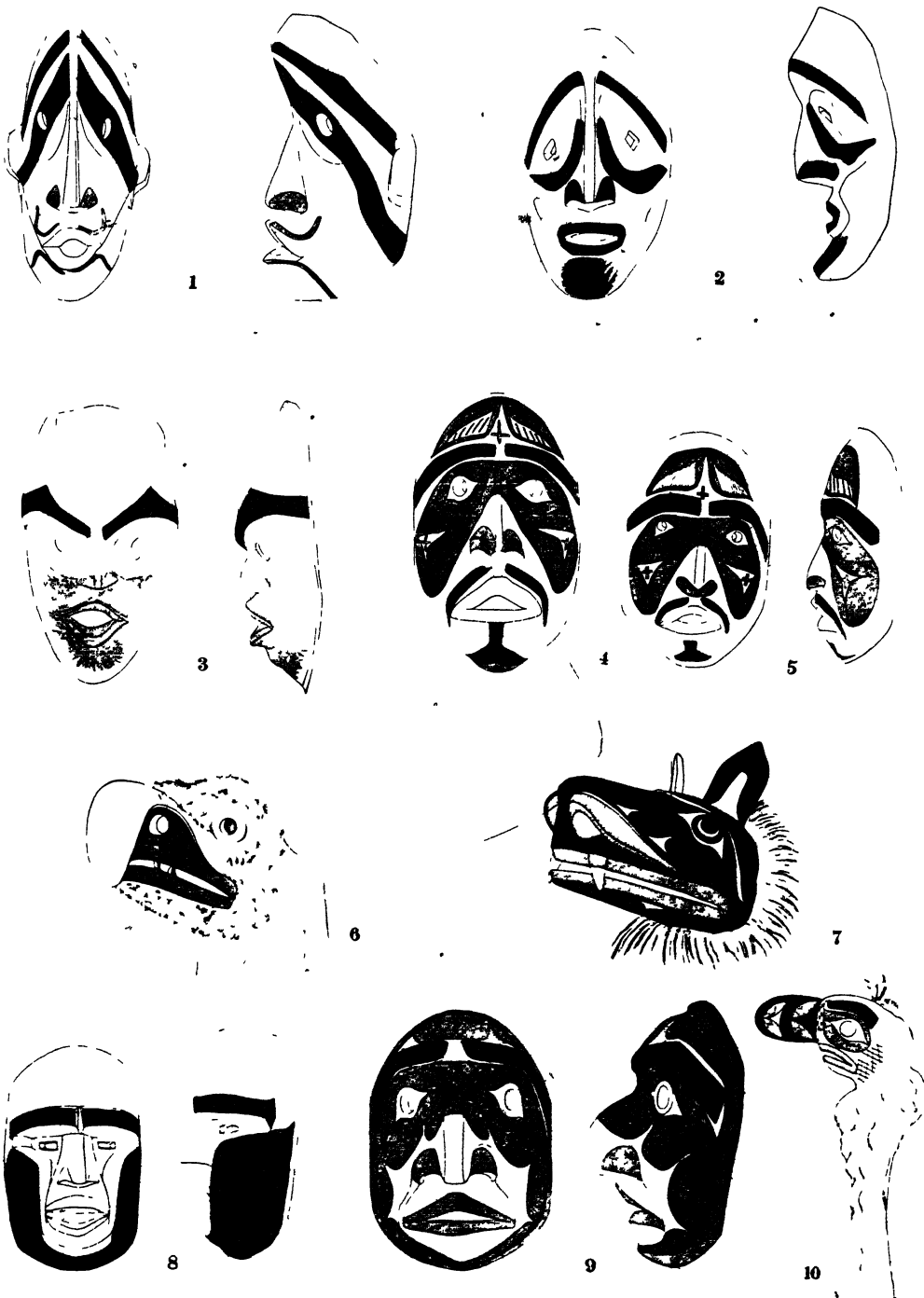


PLATE XII

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* C = ochrace, red; black, white; natural color of wood

- Fig 1 — Mask representing Anulikuts u x (front and profile) Natural color, black
Height 10 inches Cat No 14²
- Fig 2 — Mask representing Anulikuts u x (front and profile) Natural color, black
Height 11 inches Cat No 14³
- Fig 3 — Mask worn by the Cannibal dancer (front and profile) Natural color, black
red Height 13 inches Cat No 14⁴
- Fig 4 — Mask worn by the assistant of the Cannibal dancer Blue, red, black Height
10 inches Cat No 14⁵
- Fig 5 — Mask worn by the assistant of the Cannibal dancer (front and profile) Blue,
red, black Height 10 inches Cat No 14⁶
- Fig 6 — Carving representing the Saipsta in the shape of an eagle Red Length, 11
inches Cat No 14⁷
- Fig 7 — Carving representing the Saipsta in the shape of a wolf Red, black Length,
12 inches Cat No 14⁸
- Fig 8 — Mask worn by the assistant of the Saipsta (front and profile) Natural
color, black Height 8 inches Cat No 14⁹
- Fig 9 — Mask worn by the Oix (front and profile) Red, blue, black Height 14 $\frac{1}{2}$
inches Cat No 14¹⁰
- Fig 10 — Club carried by the Oix Red, blue, black Length of head 7 inches
Cat No 14¹¹



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