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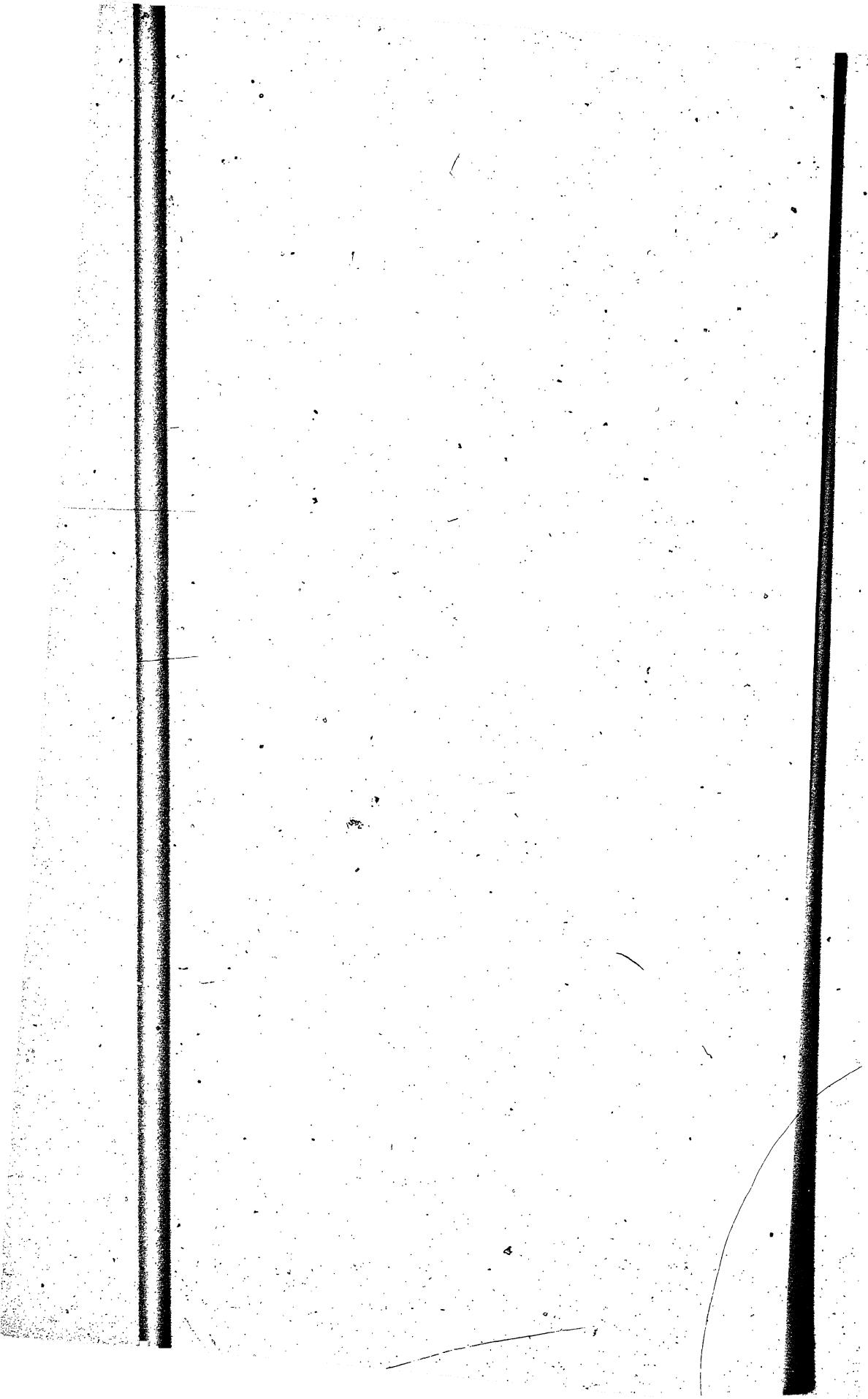
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INCORPORATION IN THE KOOTENAY LANGUAGE. By Dr. A. F. CHAMBERLAIN,
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[ABSTRACT.]

INCORPORATION and allied morphological phenomena are essential characteristics of American aboriginal tongues, and the consideration of these in the Kootenay of British Columbia,—one of the most recent linguistic stocks to be scientifically investigated,—is of interest to all Americanists and students of language. The Kootenay presents examples of the following varieties.



I. Incorporation of the pronoun-object:

- (a) n-ū'pqa-nē = he sees; n-ū'pqa-n-ā'p-i-nē = he sees me; n-ū'pqa-n-is-i-nē = he sees thee; n-ū'pqa-n-āwā's-i-nē = he sees us; n-ū'pqa-n-iskē'l-nē = he sees you.
hin-n-ū'pqa-n-ā'p-i-nē = thou seest me; *hin-n-ū'pqa-n-āwā's-i-nē* = thou seest us.
hō-n-ū'pqa-n-is-i-nē = I see thee; *hō-n-ū'pqa-n-iskē'l-nē* = I see you. The radical for "to see" is *ūpqa*.
- (b) i'tqa-nē = he bites; i'tqa-n-ā'p-i-nē = he bites me; i'tqa-n-is-i-nē = he bites thee; tsqā'l-i'tqa-n-āwā's-i-nē = he is going to bite us. The radical for "to bite" is *itqa*.
hin-ts-ā'mātikte-ā'p-i-nē = thou givest me; *hō-ts-ā'mātikte-i-s-i-nē* = I give thee; n-ā'mātikte-ā'p-i-nē = he gives me. The radical for "to give" is *āmātikte*.
(c) *hi'-n-ts-qātl-ō'tlpātl n-ā'p-i-nē* = thou wilt hear me. The radical for "to hear" is *ōtlpātl*.
hō-ts-i'pitl-i-s-i-nē = I kill thee; *ts-qā'tl-ipitl-ā'p-i-nē* = he will kill me; *ts-qā'tl-ipitl-i-s-i-nē* = he will kill thee; *n-i'pitl-i-s-i-nē* = he kills thee; *n-i'pitl-ā'p-i-nē* = he kills me; *hō-ts-ipitl-i-s-i-nē* = I kill thee. The radical for "to kill" is *ipitl*.
(d) *mī'tqa-n-ā'p-i-nē* = he shoots me. "To shoot" is *mitqa*.

In the examples just given the object-pronouns *āp* (me), *is* (thee), *āwās* (we), *iskēl* (you) are found. It is doubtful whether the *n* immediately preceding these syllables belongs to them or is a verbal particle. The pronouns-subject are *kā'min* (I), *nī'niko* (thou), *kā'minā'tla* (we), *nīnkōn'iskēl* (ye), from which it will be seen that the object-pronouns for "thee" and "you" alone seem related to the corresponding subject-pronouns. In Kootenay the third persons singular and plural seem to be identical, *n-ū'pqa-nē* signifying both "he sees" and "they see." The exact form of the inclusive pronoun-object of the third person, if such exist, is not yet known.

II. Incorporation of the noun-object:

- (a) *n-ā'tl-tlām-kī'nē* = he carries the *head* in his hand.
wānk-ō'-tlām-kī'nē = he shakes the *head* in his hand. The word for "head" is *āqktlām*.
(b) *hō-ts-tlū'-tsk-ātl-qō'nē* = I take the *bark* off (a tree). The word for "bark" is *āqkitsk-ātl*.
(c) *sā'-ktūnām-i-s-i-nē* = there is a *village*. The word for "village" is *āq-ktlū'nām*.
hō-tlū'-tlām-ā'ēnē = I deprive of the *head*. The particle *tlū* is privative.
(d) *n-ēk-ā'-tl-nē* (if = *n-ēk-wū'-tl-nē* = he eats water) = he drinks.
(e) *mā'tl-n-āk-ē'l-e'l-nē* = he opens his *eyes*. The word for "eye" is *āqkā'k-ē'lēl*.
tsū-p-n-ākē'l-e'l-nē = he shuts his *eyes*.
(f) *hō-tlit-ka'iyūkwā'-ēnē* = I have no *hat*. The word for "hat" is *aqkā'iyyū-kwā'ēnām*.
hō-tlit-i'ācū'-tē = I have no *gun*. The word for "gun" is *t'āwū*.
(g) *n-ā'wits-k-a'-t-kin-kū'-i-nē* = he catches the *tail* in his hand.
qā'wī-ts-k-ā'-ki-n-u! = catch (thou) the *tail* in thy hand. The word for "tail" is *āqk-ā'tenām*.

- (h) *witl-nō'kwē-nē* = the stone is large. The word for "stone" is *nokwē*.
 (i) *tlit-k-āt-i-nē* = it has no tail.
tlū-k-āiyūk-wā-kin-ē-yām = to take off one's hat.
tlū-k-lūm-kin-ē-yām = to take off one's moccasins. The word for "moccasins" is *tlūmā*.
tlū-k-tlānt-ētl-ēk = throws off his clothes. The word for "clothes" is *āqkōk-tlānt*.

III. Incorporation of negative particles:

- (1) *k-a*. *k-ā-i-nē* = it is not; *hō-k-ā-o-pqa-nē* = I do not see; *hō-k-a'-wāsqō-mēk* = I do not sing; *hō-k-ā-ik-i-nē* = I do not eat.
- (2) *tlit*. *tlit-k-tlēll* = blind (lit. without eyes); *hō-tlit-t-lāwūl-tē* = I have no gun;
- (3) *tlū*. *tlā-tlū-nē* = there is no more.

