

latter, among the Quinault,¹ the Lkungen,² the Chilcotin,³ the Dakota,⁴ the Micmac,⁵ etc.

If we consider incidents instead of whole myths, we find, that whereas a few similarities to the Maidu may be traced among the Chinook and Salish tribes of the coast, a much larger number are apparent among the Salish of the interior, particularly the Thompson River Indians. Among the Chinook and Kathlamet and the Tillamook and Quinault, almost the only incidents in common with the Maidu are those which relate to the exploits of Coyote. We have, for instance, his asking advice of his excrement,⁶ the raping of the girls in bathing,⁷ and of the sick girl whom he pretends to doctor.⁸ The resuscitation of the dead by placing the bones or bodies in water is also common.⁹ Turning to the tribes of the interior, we find greater similarity, both of myth and incident. Not only do two entire myths occur here which are closely like the Maidu, — the Grisly Bears and the Black Bears,¹⁰ and the Mosquito and the Thunder,¹¹ — but a number of incidents. The similar incidents deal in part with Coyote, but also refer to other personages, such as the ferryman who kills travellers who have to jump into his boat,¹² or the suitor who is forced to spear a monster that drags him into the stream.¹³

It appears from this, that the analogies between the Maidu myths and those of other stocks to the north are rather closer with the tribes of the interior than with those of the coast; and that in general, the Maidu, with the Achomā'wi and probably the Yana, are to be classed, from the mythological standpoint, with the stocks occupying the northern portion of the interior plateau or Great Basin area.

¹ Farrand, Traditions of the Quinault (Memoirs American Museum of Natural History, Vol. IV, p. 107).

² Boas, Indianische Sagen, p. 62.

³ Farrand, Traditions of the Chilcotin (Memoirs American Museum of Natural History, Vol. IV, p. 31).

⁴ Riggs, Dakota Grammar (Contributions to North American Ethnology, Vol. IX, p. 83).

⁵ Rand, Legends of the Micmacs, pp. 160, 308.

⁶ Boas, Chinook Texts, p. 101.

⁷ Boas, Traditions of the Tillamook, p. 140.

⁸ Ibid., p. 141.

⁹ Farrand, Traditions of the Quinault, p. 83.

¹⁰ Teit, Traditions of the Thompson River Indians, p. 69; cf. also p. 79 of this volume.

¹¹ Ibid., p. 56.

¹² Ibid., p. 39; cf. p. 48 of this volume.

¹³ Ibid., p. 40; cf. p. 70 of this volume.