traded to the Indians, at the mouth of the
rivers, or on the Sound. The Dalles was formerly
a great depot for this commerce. It seems
that the Spring salmon ascend only those rivers,
which take their rise in snow, or which are
subject to Spring freshets. Thus they are found
in the Sacramento, the Klamath, the Columbia
and in the Quinaielt and Frazer rivers where
there is a variety, considered the finest on
the coast. Into the bays however, they do not
enter, at least in any numbers, and in Puget's
Sound, though taken in some of the streams
rising in the Cascades, they are by no means a-
bundant, not so large as in the Columbia.
The other kinds are however found in great quan-
tity. The salmon are taken on the rivers with
the seine; at the rapids, and in the small
streams, either with the scoop net or with a gig.
The latter is usually forked, the points or barbs
attached loosely by a thong, so as to give play
to the fish. On some of the rivers where the depth
permits, weirs are built to stop their ascent.
The fish are split very thin, the back-bone being
taken out, and then a slice on each side, and
all parts even, to the heads, preserves. No salt
is used, nor are they properly ~~smoked~~; but a
small fire to hasten their drying, is kept beneath
the poles on which they hang. The quantity put
up at some of the principal fishing grounds was