1.

Mr. Cameron, an English gentleman, residing at Esquimalt harbor, Vancouver Island, informed me that on his place, there were graves, having at each corner a large stone, the interior space being filled with rubbish. The origin of these was unknown to the present Indians. The distinctions of rank or wealth, in all cases, were very marked, persons of no consideration and slaves being buried, with very little care or respect. Slaves not at all. Vancouver whose attention was particularly attracted to their methods of disposing of the dead, mentions that at Port Discovery, he saw baskets suspended to the trees containing the skeletons of young children, and what is not easily explained, small, equare boxes containing apparently food. I do not think that any of these tribes place articles of food with the dead, nor have I been able to learn from living Indians that they formerly followed that practice. Peabody says that they did. What he took for such I do not understand. He also mentions seeing in the same place, a cleared space recently burnt over, in which the skulls and bones of a number of persons lay among the ashes. The practice of burning the dead exists in parts of California, and among the Chimseyans of Fort Simpson. It is also pursued by the Caribs of New Caledonia; but no intermediate tribes to my knowledge follow it; certainly those of the Sound do not at present. It is clear