repitition. It is continued for about a year, where most excessive, and is confined to children of free parents, slaves not enjoying the privileged distortion. For a different reason it is not performed on the offspring of whites by Indian mothers, it being a matter of pride to assimilate them to their fathers. The only reason for the practice that I could ever obtain was - from a Clallam Indian to the effect that Dogueted ordered them to do it in the first place to make them handsome. The operation does not appear to affect the intellect, judging from a comparison with adjacent tribes who do not use it. It is supposed to be the cause of squinting in some cases but its effect upon the general health is not observable.

The custom is most universal and carried to the greatest extent among the tribes upon the lower Columbia and Sugits sound. Those immediately East of the Cascades and near the river practice it to a limited degree only. It extends according to Dr. Tolmie through the Haeltzuk connection as far north as Milbanks Sounds, in latitude 52° N. where the custom of distending the lips commences in its stead. Southward it reaches to the Coquille river, latitude 43° 10' North upon the coast, and for about thirty (30) miles back. In departing from the centre, it gradually diminishes in degree and is on the outskirts limited to the women.