as the Callapooyas of the Willamette Valley occupied in throwing up small piles of earth or stones, a practice having probably a mystical signification akin to a tamahnous. The subsequent recurrence of her periods are in like manner seasons of retreat from the tribe, although less formality attends them. The most peculiar, as well as universal observances, are those connected with their food. This, the first object of care and anxiety with people who depend upon natural productions for their subsistence, seems to have in their minds, a relation to many events, and more especially those of a sexual character, or the privation of particular kinds of food may have been shown by experience to be requisite to the speedy recovery of health. Among the fishing Indians, the salmon during the early season of its capture, is so to speak, tabooed to women undergoing menstruation. Among those who live by game Elk and deer meats are equally prohibited and similar restrictions are to a more limited extent imposed on pregnant women. I know however of nothing like periods of purification. Some of the coast tribes, as those at Humboldt Bay in California make a practice of bathing, the women accompanying the young girl on the occasion, but this is in consonance with their general habits. The observance of this period by the Indians has been absurdly considered as a Jewish rite, and cited in proof of the preposterous idea that they are the descendants of