the Israelitish tribes. It seems however natural enough that such a custom should prevail among barbarians, however disconnected. With their limited field for mental exercise, the speculative powers are likely to be most active upon points of this very nature, periodicity being a fact which attracts observation, and suggests at once the idea of cause. The refined objects of a difference in sex being foreign to their minds, that event which announces fitness for sensual purposes is of all others the most important.

Among the Wascos at the Dalles of the Columbia it is stated, the event is celebrated more publicly. As the period approaches its close the father of the girl makes great preparations, invites his friends and has a general feast, which reaches its height on her reappearance. The young men who wish to buy wives are there ready with their horses &c to treat for the purchase.

Measures of Value. Simile &c.

Distances were only marked by days journeys or their fractions as made on horseback or in canoes. Measures of length were probably all referred to parts of the body, the principal being the extent of the outstretched arms, which was used in valuing their money, the hä'qua or wampum of the Pacific. This shell, a species of dentalium, was procured