as will at once be detected in the various legends. A question asked five times must be answered, or an order given, obeyed, however unwillingly, provided the party be possessed of power. The tamahnous is wound up in every thing relating to them. A man's very whims are "his tamahnous" all their amusements and occupations are connected with it; and almost all natural objects around them, as representing the great magicians of the primeval earth, are tamahnous.

Tales.

The History of Spilyai.
(Klikatat)

When Spilyai started upon his travels there were very high falls upon all the rivers so that the salmon could not get up. They were confined in a great lake, which belonged to five sisters. Spilyai saw that this was not good and he concluded to lower the obstruction and enable the salmon to pass. Accordingly he disguised himself as a child, and came to the water side where one of the sisters was washing herself, crying. She supposed him to be one whose people had been upset in a canoe and took him home, where he speedily became a pet. The four older sisters did not suspect his true character, but the youngest knew him and wondered, saying to herself, "That is Spilyai. What does he want?" She did not however communicate her suspicions to the rest. They gave him some fish