

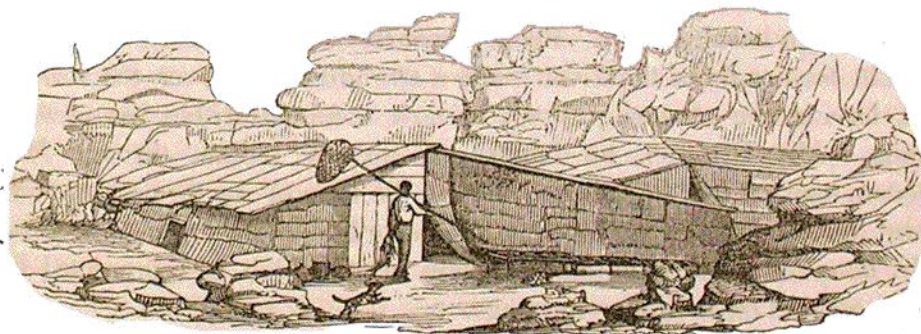
much progress with such a set, and they of course feel somewhat discouraged, though they have succeeded in obtaining a moral influence over a few.

The river, between the Cascades and the Dalles, a distance of forty miles, has no rapids, and is navigable for vessels drawing twelve feet of water. It passes through high rocky banks of basalt.

The missionaries informed Mr. Drayton, that the salmon-fishery at the Dalles lasts six months, and that sturgeon are taken during the greater part of the year.

The mission is three miles from the Dalles. On Mr. Drayton reaching the lower point of the portage, he found Mr. Ogden encamped, and a boat-load of packages spread out to dry. It appeared that one of the boats had bilged in passing up, and required repairs. The place was luckily fitted for these operations, as it had but one entrance to protect against about a thousand Indians, on the look-out for whatever they could pick up, and who required the whole force of the brigade to keep them in check.

The Dalles is appropriately called the Billingsgate of Oregon. The diversity of dress among the men was greater even than in the crowds of natives I have described as seen in the Polynesian islands; but they lack the decency and care of their persons which the islanders exhibit. The women also go nearly naked, for they wear little else than what may be termed a breech-cloth, of buckskin, which is black and filthy with dirt; and some have a part of a blanket. The children go entirely naked, the boys wearing nothing but a small string round the body. It is only necessary to say that some forty or fifty live in a temporary hut, twenty feet by twelve, constructed of poles, mats, and cedar bark, to give an idea of the degree of their civilization.



FISHING-HUTS AT THE DALLES.

The men are engaged in fishing, and do nothing else. On the women falls all the work of skinning, cleaning, and drying the fish for their winter stores. As soon as the fish are caught, they are laid