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Collection Overview

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Scope and Contents

In 4 sections: 1. Kootenay Indian Legends and Myths. Native text 14 pages Translation of 1 myth, 1 page. 2. Other Animal Stories and Myths. 19 pages. Native text only. 3. A Brief Text in Kutenai. Coyote and grizzly bear text, with interlinear translation and discussion by Chamberlain. 4. Myths and Legends...of which the Native Text is not obtained. 6 pages. English. Informants not given, but see Number 1962.

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Number 1931: (1) Stories and Myths: Woman and giant, 2 pages. Coyote and Trout, 2 pages; native texts only. Coyote and the Woman, native text 1 page; translation, 1 page. Skunk and Mountain Lion, 3 pages. Skunk and Mountain Lion, 2 pages. Deluge Legend, 2 pages. Frog and Deer, 2 pages. Native text only. 1931 (2) Other Animal stories and Myths: 1. Owl and chipmunk, 2 pages. 2. Tomtit and Wolf, 1 page. 3. Tomtit and Elk (female), 1 page. 4. Beaver and Turtle, 3 pages. 5. Mosquito, 1 page. 6. Star and , 1 page. 7. Frog and Grouse, 1 page. 8. Toad, 2 pages. 9. Skunk and Mountain Lion, 3 pages. 10. Frog and Deer, 1 page. 11. Skunk and Mountain Lion, 2 pages. 12. Rabbit and Snow bird, 1 page. Native text only. 1931 (3) Text with interlinear in Kutenai "Coyote and Grizzly Bear" and discussion by Chamberlain, the whole entitled "A Brief Text in Kutenai, 9 pages. 1931 (4) Native text not obtained: (All in English) Informants not given. I Coyote and Mountain Spirit, 2 pages. II Fox and Wolf, 1 page. III Origin of Cattle, 1 page. IV The attempt to fly, 1 page. V The Man in the Moon, 1 page. VI Origin of the Stars, 1 page. VII Origin of thunder and lightning, 1 page. VIII Origin of clouds, 1 page. IX Origin of the sun, 1 page. X Origin of the moon, 1 page. XI Origin of horses, 1 page. XII Origin of women, 1 page. XIII A Origin of Kootenay, 1 page. XIII B Origin of Kootenay, 1 page. XIV The Deluge, 1 page.

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