

Noun Composition in the Kootenay Language.

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The interesting article in the vol. V, pp. 204—218 of "Anthropos" by Professor A. L. KROEBER on "Noun Composition in American Languages", with its brief reference (p. 213) to the little-known Kootenay, suggests an account of some of the phenomena in question as met with in that language. The data here presented are from the author's own study of the Kootenay made in the field in 1891, &c., on the basis of which a grammar and a dictionary are now in course of preparation.

1. Examples where two nouns are compounded and the determining element precedes the determined:

Bósten amákis (United Staates), Boston (man) country-his.

g'ústēt áqkōgátk'ā, trout-backbone.

Sánlā pálkē, Blackfoot woman.

Sánlā sítis, Blackfoot blanket-his.

Nltsik áqkinmitúk, Bull River (place-name).

tsūō tināmú (butter), milk grease.

nūlkō áqkátškō (cap for gun), metal flint.

Gūk'áwē áqkinmitúk, Elk River (place name).

áqkink'ók'ō g'ákái (engine), fire wagon.

tsúpk'ā áqkótāl, deer fat.

k'kálaqáeltsin (horse), elk dog.

Lóoklānām (house of wood), wood house.

Kitōnáqā amákis (Kootenay country), Kootenay country-their.

k'tsūmíyit natánik (moon), night sun.

intsūk'k'ōwāt (mouse-colored horse), mouse hair. From *Intsūk*, field-mouse; *áqk'ōwātēnām*, hair of animal.

nūyāp áqkūlākenām (mutton), sheep meat.

sūyāpī áqkis (Anemone multifida, a plant), white man arrow-his.

sūyāpī nūyāpis (domestic sheep), white man sheep-his.

2. Examples of composition of nouns with the adjective *gūwūkā* (large, big) or *gūwūl*, which always precedes the noun in connection with which it is used:

gūwūllām (bird, sp.?), big-head. The prefix of *áqklām*, head, is dropped.

gūwūlk'ā (big-horn sheep), big-horn. The prefix of *áqk'ōklē* (horn) is dropped. The same word occurs also as a personal name *Gūwūlk'ā*, the appellation of Moise, the chief of the Kootenay of the Columbia Lakes.

gūwūlkā wótāk, big frog.

gūwūlkā nāsúkwēn, big chief.