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The following objects are presented by E.H. Topham Esq.,
26. Coleherne Court, South Kensington, W., and were brought
from North Alaska.

Store

No. 1. A Bag of Membrane (probably from the seal) used by the
Siwash Indians to keep the clothes dry when canoeing. From
Yakatat, close to Mt. St. Elias, North Alaska.

HMM.
3676

No. 2. A Jacket and Head covering of membrane, worn when canoeing
in rough weather to keep the body dry. North Alaska.

HMM.
3649
+ 3650.

No. 3. Fish hooks used for deep sea fishing for halibut by
Siwash Indians. The deities ruling the sea and fishing are
rudely carved on the hook, and these are invoked by the fisherman
before casting his line. North Alaska. *2 only stored*

Store

No. 4. Powder horn, carved, used by the Siwash Indians, North
Alaska.

HMM.
3651, 3652
+ 3653 - 3657

No. 5. Amulets and head ornaments used by a shaman of the Siwash
Indians, Yakatat, North Alaska.

HMM.
3658 - 3675.

No. 6. Charms and amulets of bone and ivory, used by Siwash
Indians. North Alaska.

H.M.M. Official

15 August 1916.

Dear Mr. Topham,

Please accept our grateful thanks for so kindly presenting the interesting objects from Alaska to this Museum. . I can assure you we much appreciate your kindness and thank you for thus adding to the interest of our collections.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

H.M.M.

14 August 1916.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your kind note. I shall be very pleased to see you as you suggest at 10.30 tomorrow morning.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

E.H. Topham Esq.,
26. Coleherne Court,
S. Kensington, W.

Topham

Aug 13th - 1916

26 Coleherne Court
St Kensington. W.

The Curator

The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum
Wigmore St. W.

Dear Sir

If convenient to you I will call on
Tuesday morning about 10.30 & bring
the Alaskan doctor's amulets, fish
hooks etc which you said you would
like to have for your museum.
Should Tuesday not suit you I could
easily bring them on some other
day.

Yours faithfully
Edwin H. Daphne