

He left off with a good train by French  
Falls, and so that at Skedans.

Gentle hole first missed

Nel Peleg's Name was first skilas. }  
" Mais. Kawaiwas }.

Hans e Malvina

Woods used by Kai-shan. with  
Twenty walled fence. Ket fit to d.  
Kai-shan. of cedar.

(Kadua corymbis)

Shrub and yellow cedar } sahan

1860-1861

George W. Nichols

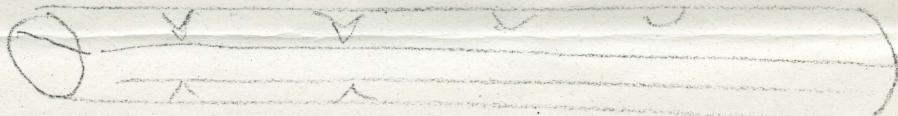
## THE GATE

1000-10000 m.s.m.

## House-Making.

## House Making

Then he calls his fellow lumbermen & all go into the woods; going in canoes to a suitable place, all singing; perhaps 30 to 40 people to each canoe, 2 or 5 or 6 canoes; especially brown or steel singing keeping time with paddles. Coffers of canoes not working. Then all go into woods under a big tree, & the chiefs sit down & then direct operations. Always went in winter months. Cut down trees as quick as possible, remove top, roll down Meadow or skid them down village. Plants are made quickly on spot where tree felled or above ground village. Several men pull & each leg; in sections watched by chiefs' sisters.



When first batch are tried, a second lot take  
their places.

Chubb's wife at Lane prepares  
a meal consisting of food his sister  
and sons family help him in the Sport.

C. Edmon  
Planks

7:

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House-making

Time

Planks

Having dressed down very carefully the top board & make it true, the log is turned & with sticks measure carefully at each end for thickness. Then a rope is again attached outside made to its level. All other part now fit rid of surface dried.

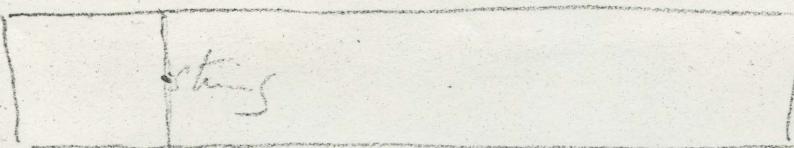
This centre plank goes in and fits inside of house.

But if for smaller planks, was split with wedge at one first, then edges varnished with beeswax.



Having got small planks or boards in same way, the old Indians dressed both sides with knives of Taxao or Calif. Murrel. Then scraped with same shell to smooth down.

Squaring with a thread of bark the plank is measured across, about its width from one edge, the string was bent double, & then



a point in center line of plank was obtained next a thorn or sharp stick was inserted at the point & a thread attached to it as a center

# Haida House-making. 3.

All come back bringing traps in highest  
spirits. Captains singing, tree workers  
have Landot, etc. Neighbors keep paddles.  
Haul up canoes slaps; bands working  
together.

If chief's wife an eagle, then all eight  
women help cook & distribute food, & the men  
sit down round a house, the chiefs opposite the  
door in centre of the wall, main master of  
chiefs in centre of back of sides. The rest  
grouped by families round their chiefs.

2<sup>nd</sup> highest chief sits in front of first  
facing door. 1<sup>st</sup>: Father mother sit near  
each side of him. His groups are first served.  
First chiefs as Minshib, Shidegut, Shadans, Spittan  
Gomshew, Edensu, Kesawak (Klin-horn)  
Saniyat, Gow il Kaisani, Yeltada (Oui-  
Lamis) Honekan (Klin qui-ag) (Kunde  
(at Kunz) - (Can Stikle.) (Kayau  
naga (foot) Kaisim jikias.  
(claat - nemkistis.

All first chiefs 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> led according  
to rank. Then culture people. Directly  
1<sup>st</sup> chief other filled, he dances song; those  
in sides sing of and meander.

All now sleep

House Making. (4.)

2nd day

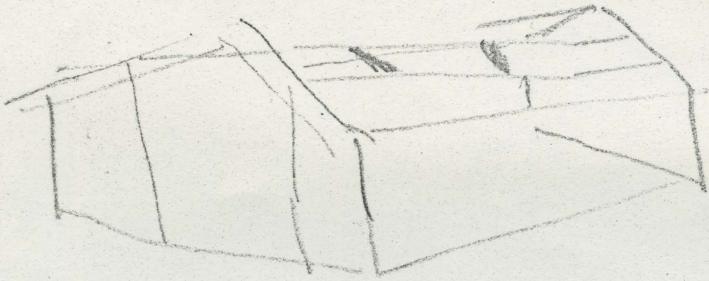
Early all go to hand & bring up 4 large roof poles (tsánskagít), but first of all the diagonal or stem pole.

Corner posts next : called káitsáñ.  
middle uprights qulqutsáñ.

Then supports for smoke hole are brought up (kíntsay), these rest on the 2 inside tsauksagít. (or 4 them,

long poles are laid across roof poles longitudinally

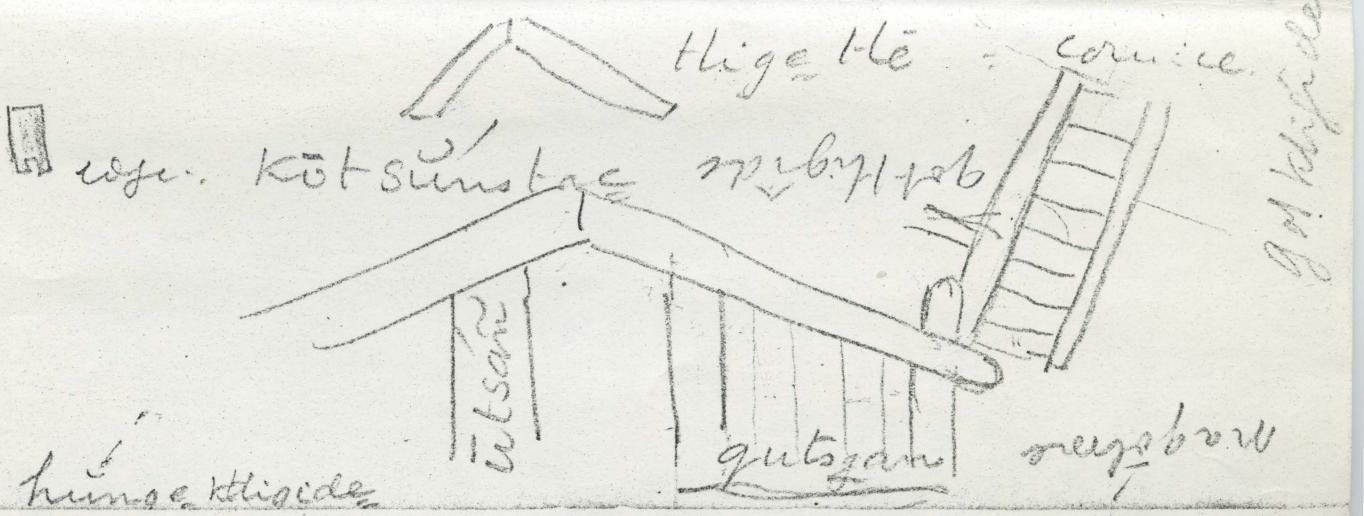
gínde kíngskagít



sqagítló - rafters.

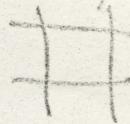
one rafter come meeting kiu hák'gít  
Rafter of back ai'hlige hli'

hlige hli' - cornice.

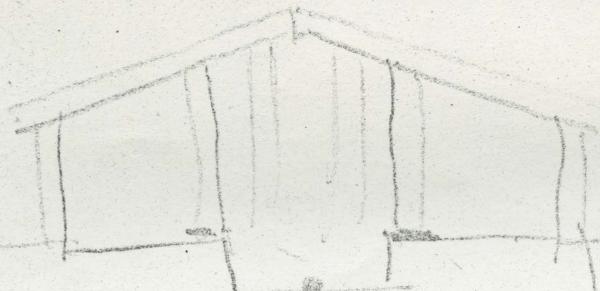


at fifteen about eleven years old he saw his uncle's name on a gun  
which his uncle's name was Jimmie

The door was inside the entrance lot of heavy cedar slab, hinge on side, hung with spruce rope. This would be tightly closed by cross sticks.



Monday. 9:30 a.m.



well

tādsgwas

bottom: dai<sup>2</sup>hetgusta

bip boards

dai<sup>1</sup>kiyata

dai<sup>1</sup>kiyata taosgiuste <sup>2</sup> vertical

dai<sup>1</sup>kiyawa <sup>1</sup> vertical

dai<sup>1</sup>skiyab

giystelana <sup>2</sup> horizontal

dai<sup>1</sup>sagustelana

dai<sup>2</sup>shū (gn) highest horizontal board  
tche

steps

kāwātclē

hole      läi i tāds gurshi.

{ 4 sticks in ground & held up frame  
go hay  
Cross sticks      unja de kiise  
for drying frame.

Small sleeping rooms  
tāds gwani un i gladas.

### Haida House Building.

#### The Bee.

After a long period of penurious living, during which the man wishing to build a house had saved enough property of various kinds to pay for the labour involved in making a new house, he at last calls his fellow townsmen together and makes arrangements for cutting down the large cedar trees which are to furnish the beams and planks.

Dividing the working party into groups according to their clans, these set out in canoes each of which might hold thirty to forty men and all would paddle strongly with an accompaniment of songs led by the man in the bow, excepting the chief who acted as captain.

On landing at the selected place a ~~high~~-fire was made as near the center of operations as possible and here the chiefs sat and directed the work as it went on. As the Winter months were always chosen these fires were used not only for this reason but also for the heating of vast quantities of food provided by the women.

Working in relays trees were felled as quickly as possible, their tops lopped off and the larger limbs, and they were then rolled or skidded down to the waterside ready to tow. These were for the the large posts or beams. Planks were made on the spot when feasible in the following way. A large straight-grained log was trimmed clean by several men organised under the chief's sisters sons and was then marked divided into sections of the required length. Deep notches made at these marks allowed the use of wooden wedges by means of which slabs of various thickness were made, some of them so thick that they could themselves be again split by smaller <sup>d</sup>wedges into thinner planks on arrival at the village.

Having completed these operations all return<sup>d</sup> to the village in high spirits, with logs in tow and the canoes loaded with planks, mauls cedar bark for cordage and the heavy stone tools used for driving the worked wedges. The Captains sang with loud voices and the crews paddled ~~the~~ their hardest, often breaking their paddles, until at length the site of the new house was reached. After hauling up the logs and planks to the most convenient places for future use the workers spent the rest of the day in feasting, dancing and friendly rivalry in vocal music. Next day the larger timbers were arranged in the following order. First of all the new totem pole was set as near as possible to the exact spot selected for the hole in the ground into which it was to be placed.