$$fx(a) : fy(b) :: fx(b) : fa^{-1}(y)$$

(b) is the design
fx is "missing part" (red) outside
(a) is "smallest part"
fy is existence presence ? (black)

Red = missing = inside

The smallest missing part : the existence of the whole design
:: the inside (red) of the whole design : Present whole is Black outside

or : absence : presence :: inside (red) : outside (black)

i.e. 2 aspects of the same thing

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The design presents an binary opposition (absence of part - presence of whole)
and as mediating equivalence (red = inside)

to say : absence is the inside of (the same thing as) presence

Inside Outside · Red Black

f_x = redness
(a) = smallest part outside $\quad a^{-1}$ whole, inside
f_y = blackness
(b) = whole design

$$f_x(a) : f_y(b) :: f_x(b) : f_{a^{-1}}(y)$$

The (abouna / meaningless) redness of the smallest part : is to the outside of the whole design :
meaningless redness (inside) of the whole design : whole inside of - everything there

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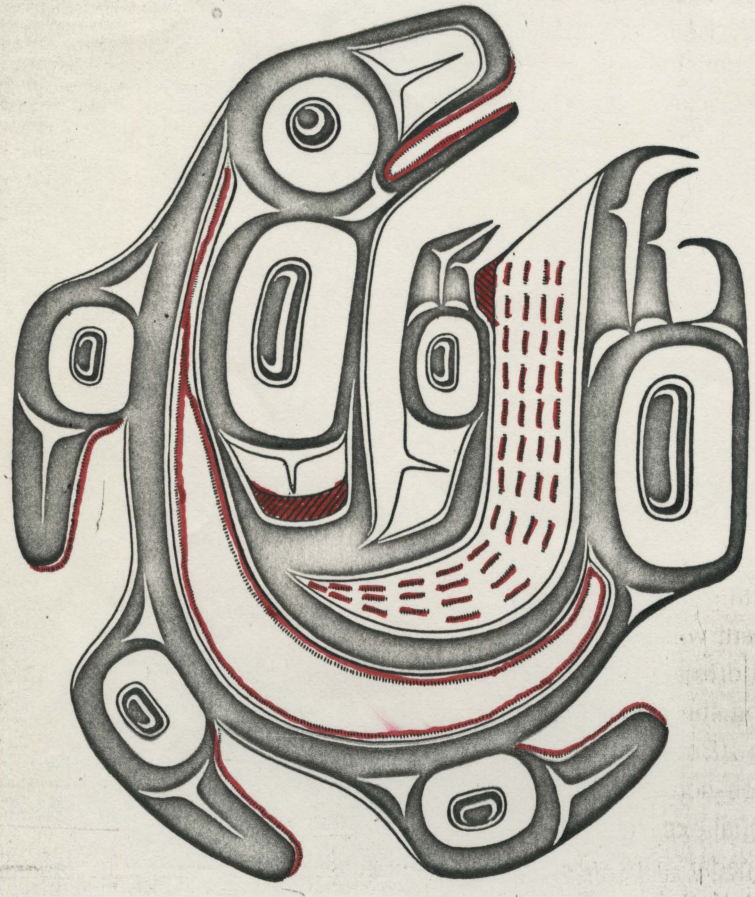

Fig. 19. Painting from a spruce root mat, Haida. Johnson

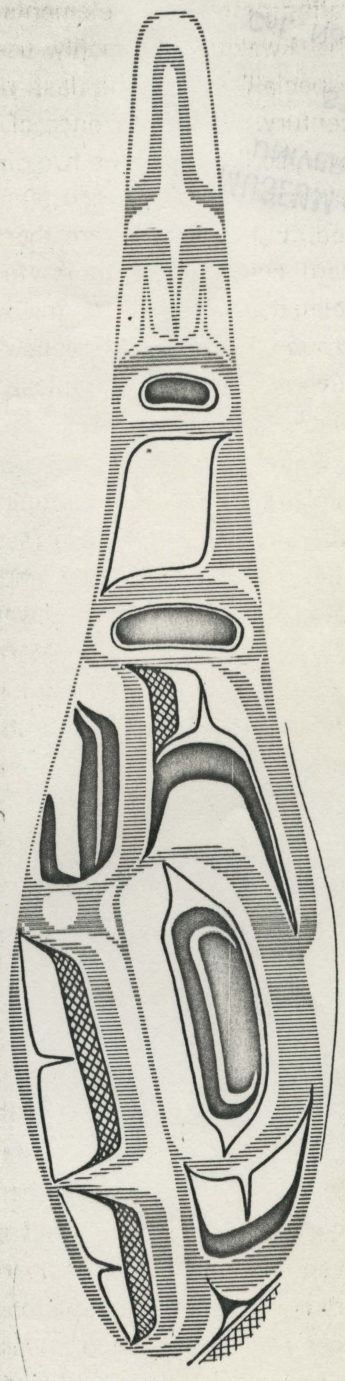

Fig. 20. Painted wooden spoon, Stikine Tlingit. WSM 2334