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 BLACKFOOT NOTES
 

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## I. WORDS FOR TOBACCO AND SMOKING. —

In his copious collection of words for tobacco in American Indian languages (Am. Anthrop. N. S. Vol. 23, p. 24) Dr. Dixon cites a Blackfoot *pistakan* for "tobacco", and a Blackfoot stem *-tsissi* for "to smoke". His source for *pistakan* must have been Tims, but *-tsissi* seems to be an abstraction of his own, since the forms given by Tims point, all of them, to a stem with *o* at the beginning. Indeed, the correct form for "to smoke" is *otsisi-* (*otsis-*). As to the Blackfoot word for "tobacco", it does not sound *pistakan*, but *pistá-ykan*. Cf. the places referred to in the alphabetical index of "A new series of Blackfoot texts" (VKAWA., Afd. Letterk., N. R., XIII, No. 1) sub voce *tobacco*. I may add that in Blackfoot a pipe is called *aykúinnimáni*.

2. NAMES OF MONTHS. — Miss Cope has published a very interesting and, in general,

very complete monograph on the "Calendars of the Indians North of Mexico". I may be allowed, however, to draw her attention to a slight omission. Besides the Blackfoot lists of months given by Schoolcraft and Wissler, Miss Cope ought to have mentioned, at least, a third list communicated to me in 1910 by the late well-known interpreter Joseph Tatsey, and printed in my review of Wissler's paper "The social life of the Blackfoot Indians" in *Intern. Archiv für Ethnographie*, Vol. XX, p. 205 sq. The more it deserves some attention, because it differs in some respects from Wissler-Duvall, and also because the names are given there in their original Blackfoot forms with accurate English translations. I suppose, it has escaped her notice on account of its having appeared in a place where she would not look for linguistic materials of any consequence.

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