

### A MIXTURE OF RACES

Dr. Frederic Starr, associate professor of anthropology in the University of Chicago, spoke to the students and faculty of Reed college yesterday afternoon. His subject was, "Where Did the American Indian Come From?" He disproved the theory that the Indian originated from the soil, or that he came from some one part of the globe.

In the far north, he said that the woman was the ruler of the family, that she gave her name to the children and was consulted on all matters, while the man was of no consequence. Between here and Sitka, Alaska, he said, there were six or seven tribes, each with different language family, while in all of Europe there were only three different language families. In the far north, he said, the tribes have the raven as their hero, those farther south have the mink and the sun, and still farther south the sun and the moon are their idols.

In his opinion, the Indian is the result of the mixture of many races, upon which the characteristics of the continent had their effect. This same effect, he claimed, is working today on the inhabitants of this continent and is moulding out a type distinct from the races of other lands.

### STRANGE

It was during the course of a trial in Philadelphia that the cross-examining attorney put the following question to a witness:

"Was it the defendant's habit to talk to himself when alone?"

The witness pondered for a moment over this and then cautiously replied:

"Just at this time I don't remember ever being with him when he was alone."