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a. proofs of Lucho avamday tuck
 Oak Pt Long Beach Kivrowee amkee uk =
 U.S. is print sound track etc.

But I guess after all the other is a different word.

Now West -

Dear Mr. Eckstone

after posting my letter this morning, this
 struck me -

Umbra	zook s	Kuo -	"up meadows"
	sick) has	-	(meadows along its course)
	ness		
me	zook os	Kuel -	a name that comes
			several times in U.S.
			& Maine & means
			in all cases <u>meadows</u>

Since I think it likely the root zook is equivalent
 is ~~the~~ ^a not meaning meadowland & these words are
 all identical in their stem root, differing in
 prefix which is unity, as usual, attenuated. Thus

mezook or mesk means grass or bushes -
 (that kind of meadow grass). ~~It may be that~~
~~as b = p = m interchangeably that Umbra =~~
~~Ummma or Ummma like Umbra or Umma~~

This I will test out fully by other words containing
meadows.

This is the way to get 'em.

I wouldn't be surprised if some thing good underlies
Blackman's Book & Stream. Dry Clara. Mayhew
 will spot it instantly as an early settler, but I
 rather of his its origin - much familiarized of course.
 Also much fun by her especially on Heat & Mrs. G. J.D.
 also such words Stream?

no-Blackman Bros.
 had a mill there!
 etc

Lucy W.H.G.

Northampton May 11-1915

Dear Mrs Ecks Corni -

Your letter, with enclosures,
received.

In my latest note on Pegmawke, I think I was inclined to connect Peg-Pit-Pik, meaning break, with some thing broken off - as one mountain from a ridge or mass, but working it over some more, I think it is clear it means break in the sense of push up through, or erupt, or break up through. This is fully consistent also with your suggestion about Pokomawshine - that gislau's breaking through the lake surface, though I think it will turn out that the Pok in this word = Pek, & refers to Pokomawshine Mts. which is a prominent island not though not a

Sugar loaf.

I shall be glad to go
 on your account of the road, and will be
 prompt. Earlier I thought the Pit
 might be a root meaning pointed or
 peaked, but I see these cases all
 accord much better with the idea
 of a mountain pushed or broken up
 from the surface - the root
 involving the idea of the rounded
 mountain - I find this all very firmly
 confirmed from the Chipewyan - Cree -
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~tribes~~ which are very closely
 allied - surprisingly so - in their place-
 name roots. I have a lot of
 indications from the ^{Micmacs} Algonquians that
 the place name roots are far more
 conservative than the language as
 a whole - or in other words, some
 place name roots have become
 obsolete in Micmac in any strict
 connection - which of course is

natural enough when you come to think of it. I am
just compiling the - Acadie paper (No 3-1)-
it is very long - has nearly 100 names, but that is
what I got for trying to follow out a single root.
The blank names number about 50 - the -pak,
-tagat names about 60, & a preliminary list of
-tak - tagak (with names) makes about the same.
The - Acadie seems the largest series.

I have not yet been from the P.M. at Bequasket
N.H. (Nilepe). The all things alike that being an
independent name - added to the -oma, or any other
nearby, is the fact that it is so near the other
Bequasket - and so far as I find, the Indians
did not give the same name to places so near
together. Hence I think it was a found a
transference - as we doubt it is when added
to the white mts.

About Mrs. Fox's measures on coast - I have that
report - See. Survey, pub. 1907. I have at the least
doubt that the Indians named some places for the

the result of the rocks to some natural effects & their
written legends & explain, precisely as they have done so
much for places of which they have lost the origin. a
good instance is Lewis's country, about which there is a good
abundance of legend - & there are several along the St. Pl. m.

I am glad to have the Wm. Clark letter for addition to
the peaks - of course it's a wholly new one & new.

I am very sorry I cannot keep up with Dr. Banks' interest
in these matters - but will get around to them presently. No fine
than several yrs at these matters, freely critical of one
another's ideas - it all helps & certifies in the end. But
done in S.W. the same I am out of my range a good deal -
the farther I get from the Uleemics and Maliseets the less
uncertain I am as to the facts - but that can be finally
pursuing them all the way - and that takes a lot of time.

I shall look with great interest for your articles & the change
of dates and all.

Your comments on educational matters are all taken well to heart -
generally with silent acquiescence. I was strongly tempted to
read your last one to Prof. Barton & am sure you would
mind. You feel ought to see the internal cause of
of a faculty - it ~~would~~ would do a thing it isn't checked with by
the administrative. I am all of a Corn. of S. that has been
working for 2 years & by Dr. Brewster and curriculum in a
little basis - ~~but~~ but we don't feel any where. improving
I am very sorry to hear about this Confed - W.S.B. among