

adopted by the twelve Tribes of Israel as indicated in Genesis, chap. xlix. Their symbols however were of the simplest kind, such as are still in use in savage countries. Of this there are examples in British Columbia amongst the American Indians, where the native tribes are formed into divisions, each one of which assumes for itself a badge, or "crest," as they call it. This is generally the figure of some animal, which is stuck upon a pole in front of their tents, and represents a porpoise, wolf, eagle, &c., reminding one of the lion of Judah, the ass of Issachar, the hind of Naphtali, &c. By-and-by, as civilization progressed, devices took a more complicated character, and were adopted not only by families, but by individuals. The