

by the stone and pain in the kidneys, caused by any obstruction. For diseases of the chest, they pound it and take the decoction. They use it in plasters to stanch blood, to strengthen the stomach, and to allay the pains of the womb.

It is also asserted that ambergris is sometimes gathered all along the coast of Florida.

Mr. de Ribaut, quite satisfied with his colony, thought only of returning to France for a re-enforcement. He made Albert, one of his captains, chief of the new colony, and left him as many men as were necessary to keep the Indians in awe.<sup>1</sup> He gave him rather a small stock of provisions, but promised to bring him, with all speed, a large convoy of provisions and munitions; after which he set sail, and reached Dieppe on the 20th of July.<sup>2</sup> The new commander had no sooner completed some remaining works, necessary to put the place beyond insult, than he set out to explore the country, according to the order given by the general. He visited several paraoustis, who welcomed him kindly; and one of them, named Andusta, invited him to a singular feast, a description of which would, I thought, be read here with pleasure.

It was celebrated in honor of a deity named Toya. The laws of the country do not permit strangers to appear at it, and great precautions had to be taken to let the French witness it without being observed. Andusta first took them to a large round place, carefully cleared up by the women. The next morning at daybreak, a number of Indians, painted in various colors, and decked with plumes, sallied forth from the paraousti's cabin, which fronted on the square, around which they drew up in good order. Three joanas, as they call the ministers of their religion, then appeared, strangely attired, having some strange in-

<sup>1</sup> Ribaut left in the fort, under Albert de la Pierria, thirty men. Ribauld, Whole and True Discovery, pp. 113, 114. Lescarbot (i. 49) says forty.

<sup>2</sup> Basanier, *Histoire Notable*, p. 40. They left Port Royal, June 11. Ribauld, Whole and True Discovery, p. 114.

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Ribaut returns to France.

Singular feast of the Floridians.