

1671.

A quarter of a circle perpendicular to the horizon having nearly the same colors as the parhelia, touched that which was on the southwest; then cutting one of the two hemicycles parallel to the horizon was gradually lost in the other. Sometimes the three suns disappeared; but the real sun was invisible less frequently than the others. Finally a third parhelion was seen above the sun; but it did not last long. The two former, as they disappeared for the last time, left two very luminous rainbows, and the two hemicycles also remained a long time after.

At Sault St. Mary three suns were seen one morning, as in the other two places; but a little after noon, eight appeared all at once ranged in this order. The real sun was in the centre of a circle formed of the colors of the rainbow: four parhelia divided this circle into four equal parts, and were placed on perpendicular and horizontal lines. Another circle resembling the first in color, but much larger, passed through the centre of the real sun, which was at the top, and three other parhelia, with the real sun divided this circle, as the four former did the smaller circle. The Indians imagined that all these parhelia were the wives of the real sun, who chose to show himself to men with all his spouses; but they were undeceived by a natural explanation of these phenomena. This gave occasion to explain to them that this luminary was any thing but a genius as they imagined.¹

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Project of a
fort at
Cataracouy.

Towards the end of this year the Iroquois victoriously closed the war which they had for several years been waging with the Andastes and the Shawnees² their neighbors.

¹ Relation de la Nouvelle France, N. F., 1676, p. 2; Relations Inédites, i., p. 44; Colden's Five Nations (London edit.), i., p. 126; N. Y. Col. Doc., iii., p. 323. They were then incorporated into the League. A part retreating southward were massacred by the Maryland and Virginia troops. The last remnant of the tribe were butchered by the Paxton

² See Vol. II., pp. 209, 36. Charlevoix here follows Perrot, p. 129. The Andastes sympathizing with the Hurons, were gradually drawn into the war. They fought bravely, but were finally overthrown in 1675: Etat Présent, 1675; Relation de la