

which resembled ours, except that the leaves were smaller. 1687-90. The French were then informed that the Cenis had won a complete victory, and the bearer of the intelligence averred that, for his part, he had killed about forty of the enemy.

The women at once began to prepare refreshments, in order to go and meet the victors, who reached the village in the afternoon of the same day. Their enemies, the Cannohatinnos, had awaited them resolutely; but the noise and effect of the French fire-arms so alarmed them, that they took flight after the first volley. The Cenis pursued them, and killed forty-eight men and women. Of their prisoners, they spared only two little boys, whom they brought to their village, with the scalps of the dead; all the rest were butchered on the spot, except two women, whose fate was still more deplorable.

One was sent home, but not till her scalp had been torn off; a charge of powder and ball was then put in her hand, and she was told to carry that present to her nation, and warn them that the Cenis would soon come to visit them again with that kind of arms. As for her companion, she was delivered to those of her own sex, who, armed with large pointed stakes, took her to a place apart, where there were none but women. There, these furies began their work: some by giving her a thrust with the point of the sticks; others dealing blows on her body with all the might of their arms. They then tore out her hair, and cut off her fingers: in one word, subjected her to all tortures that can be imagined, in order to avenge on her the death of their friends and kindred who had been killed on various occasions. At last, weary of tormenting her, they stabbed her to death. Her body was then cut into pieces, which they made the slaves eat.¹

Their
cruelty.

The next day was set apart for rejoicing. The chief's cabin was well cleansed, then spread with mats, on which

Their
rejoicing.

¹ Joutel, *Journal Historique*, pp. 249-256. The slaves were Cannohatinnos, not captured then, but long previously taken.