

1685.

The Cenis have as neighbors the Ayennis,<sup>1</sup> with whom they live in harmony, and who are fewer in number, although the Cenis themselves, according to Joutel, have not over a thousand men able to bear arms. The two nations apparently at first constituted but one, their language, their customs, and their tone of mind being almost identical. Their cabins are quite far apart, each family having its field around its own. These cabins are round, and Joutel compares them to bee-hives or cocks of hay. There are large cabins, not used as habitations, but only for assemblies of the people, either for amusement or the transaction of public affairs.

Those used as residences are also generally very large. Some are sixty feet in diameter, and contain fifteen or twenty households, having nothing in common but the fire, which is in the middle of the cabin, and is never allowed to go out. To build one of these cabins, they plant in a circle trees as thick as a man's thigh, in such a manner that they touch on top; they are then connected by cross-pieces to hold the grass with which the cabin is thatched. The furniture of these Indians consists of a few very well-dressed buffalo or deer skins and some finely-worked mats, and well-made earthenware. These they use to cook their meat, sagamity, and vegetables.

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Joutel, pp. 212-227, Father Anastasius, *Le Clercq*, ii., p., 320, nor in Cavalier, *Relation du Voyage*, pp. 32, &c. Father Morfi includes under the name of Texas (which he explains as *Texia*, "friends") the Texas, Asinain, Navedachos, Nacodoches, Nacogoches, Nadocogs, Ahijites, Codogdachos, and Nassonis. These Texas, in 1761, were governed by Sanate Adivia (Great Lady), a chieftainess with four husbands. Penicaut states quite clearly that the prisoner was bled to death on the frame.

<sup>1</sup> Evidently a misprint for *As*sony, mentioned by Joutel, *Journal Historique*, p. 212. They met a man of this tribe who showed them a printed Spanish document (*Joutel*, p. 212; *Le Clercq*, ii., p. 321); but this, probably from State motives, is not here mentioned by Charlevoix. Cavalier also mentions, p. 13, finding among a tribe next to the Bracamos a column with the Spanish arms. The *Assonis* are evidently the tribe elsewhere called *Nassonis*. *Le Clercq*, ii., p. 325.