

## [158] CHAP. VIII. [i.e., xi.]

A COLLECTION OF VARIOUS MATTERS WHICH COULD NOT BE RELATED IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

**A**LTHOUGH the remarks I am about to make have almost no connection with one another, they will give, nevertheless, some light and some information for the better understanding of the minds of the Savages. A Captain of the Algonquins of the Island,—a man of intelligence, and very eloquent for a Savage,—having had some quarrel with another Algonquin, received a hatchet blow upon his head that almost cost him his life,—and, in fact, he would have lost it, had not a Savage, by turning away the arm of the aggressor, lessened the violence of the blow. This man, seeing himself all covered with his own blood, did not trouble himself about it, but coolly sat down in the cabin of him who had struck him,—showing no emotion, either of fear or of revenge. The man who had [159] given the blow sat down not far away, appearing in no wise concerned. One of our Fathers, being informed of this dispute, ran straightway to the cabin, entered, and found all its people in silence, as calm and as cold as marble. He would not have believed that there was any quarrel between people apparently so calm and peaceable, if he had not seen the blood trickling from the head of this poor wretch. He asked him who had given him this wound; no answer. The aggressor began to speak, and said, “It was I who did it, be-