

hard by, and I was more content than in a Louvre, and as well lodged. The door alone troubled me, for I desired the means of fastening it when I went out; the Savages, who use only a piece of bark or a skin to close their cabins, did not seem to me sufficiently good carpenters to make my palace secure; but Charles Meiachkawat showed me that they were. He went in search of two pieces of board, nailed them together, and made a little door; I had with me a padlock dangling from a small bag, and he discovered a way of using it to lock up my house. Here I am, then, lodged like a young Prince, in a Palace built in three hours. As I apprehended annoyance from the children, the Captain made a great shout among the cabins and charged the young people not to enter my dwelling except with my permission: 'O youth!' said he, 'and [189] you, O children! respect our Father. Go and visit him; but when he is praying, or is engaged, retire without noise; carry him fish, when you catch them.' The children followed me everywhere, and called me their Father; they brought me their fish, and I gave them a little biscuit; in a word, I was at peace in my house of bark, when I chose to be, for I took the liberty from the very beginning of sending away all whom I would, when I was occupied." Although it is an unheard-of thing for a Savage to refuse the door of his cabin to another Savage, nevertheless, no one took offense at the Father's manner of dealing with them. It is necessary from the very beginning to give the bent you desire to these simple people; they are reasonable, and are not surprised that our ways are different from theirs.

"Some time after my arrival, I made for the Sav-