

not willing to flee: he cannot pass on without dying. "I must," said he to his wife, "know what capture those people have made; for I plainly see by their bearing that they journey like people victorious. Surely, they have taken some of our fellow-countrymen." He [47] puts his wife ashore; then, going to the other side of the river, as if he had come from the country of the Hiroquois, he fires an arquebus shot. The Hiroquois, not seeing him clearly, and supposing perhaps that it was some troop of their own warriors which was newly arriving in that quarter, gave forty shouts, drawing forty times these vowel sounds from the pit of their chests, *hee*. "It is enough," said that Algonquin; "I wanted nothing more; I know what I desired,—they certainly hold forty of our people prisoners." He takes his wife on board again, and hastens away, by dint of paddling, toward some men whom he had left; he relates to them what he has seen and heard, exhorting them to follow the enemy. Seven young men offer themselves to him; they get into two canoes, and go quickly to the place where the enemy was. There are no hunters so eager for game as the Savages are for the chase of men; there is no cat so adroit to crouch, and hide itself, and jump upon a mouse, as a Savage is shrewd in surprising and rushing upon his prey. They glide softly; they notice the trail of their enemies; they go to reconnoitre, with the step of a wolf. They noticed in the darkness five cabins together; [48] "Come," they said, "let us kill and die; let us sell our deaths." A single cabin contained more combatants than they were assailants: the order was, that six should enter into the three largest cabins, two into