

entire day, daubed with vermillion and otherwise ornamented, the gun, bow, and arrows at their side; or if a woman, her clothes, sack, and such articles as they make or possess. During this exposure, those who desire to do it, bring presents to the dead, such as they think acceptable, and lay them near the body; the relatives eventually do the same to those who give them. It gives them great pleasure to have presents made to their dead. A woman is interred in full dress, and in the grave with her is a kettle, her sack, a paddle, and some provisions, to make the voyage to the land of the dead. Men are buried by men, and women by women. A father mourns the loss of a son more than of a wife. A principal part of mourning consists in not smoothing or greasing his hair; he blackens his face, until one of his relatives, at the end of two or three months, combs and arranges his hair, and puts grease upon it; as he completes his mourning for a wife or son, a present is made to the one who thus removes his grief. When the women return to their village, they go the same day to weep at the graves of their relatives, calling them by name, and sending forth the most dolorous cries. The men never weep; they only sing songs in a lugubrious tone.

Near Mackinaw there is a rock, which, from a distance, has the outline of a sitting rabbit, by them called "Michapaux," which they affirm to have been a Great Spirit or Manitou that once presided over their ancestors, not allowing them to want for anything. Then they succeeded in every undertaking. But by some misfortune, the Spirit has withdrawn into Michapaux. When they pass there, they always leave something to render him more favorable.

They perform a thousand tricks of magic, pretending they can bring back dead animals to life, cause an otter to run across the lodge, or a bear to walk in there. They do this by means of young girls, and noises that are apparently under ground. With an arrow, they pretend to stab the naked body of a man. To show the blood flowing, they lay upon the supposed