

concealed for months, rather than be seen with her hair cut, for it is considered an open disgrace, and a mark of degradation. A man with long hair is equally obnoxious, and not at all respected. "Indian nature is inflexible, and peculiarly under control of custom."

#### Manner of Mourning for the Dead

The reverence and veneration shown by the Indians to the memory and last resting place of their departed friends, is worthy of imitation. On a moon-lit night, persons may be seen by the graves exhibiting all degrees of feeling; perhaps a young woman displaying a condition of deep melancholy, or perchance an old crone loudly lamenting. Both males and females blacken their faces when mourning, and go uncombed for a certain period. A woman besides blackening her face, is all in tatters, and keeps up a constant wailing and sobbing. A man is almost naked, and is painted black all over. He keeps up the wail, but more quietly, unless intoxicated, which both sexes will be, if possible, at the time of mourning. It is a widow's *duty* to go, for the season of mourning, with blackened face and neglected person.

#### Manner of Burial

Each tribe differs in the mode of disposing of their dead. Some lay them on the ground, and build a roof either of cedar or birch bark over them, planting a stake at the head, on which is painted with vermilion, all sorts of hieroglyphics, describing all the great deeds, if it be at the grave of a man; if that of a woman, very little paint or praise is applied.

Others erect a scaffold up in, or between two trees, and place their dead upon it, with all their traveling and hunting equipage about them. All places of the dead are marked at the head with a small white flag, emblem of peace and joy, and of future happiness. If the deceased be a man, the following articles are placed by his side: His gun, trap, pipe, war-club, flint, steel and punk, wampum, ornaments, some food, and a kettle. If a woman, a little food, a kettle, and a few ornaments. If a child, food alone is placed by it. A fire is kindled near the grave, or scaffold, and it is kept up for four days, as that is the length of time allotted