

may be required to dress his game and carry it home. When he hunts, whatever he kills he leaves on the ground, except small game that he can hang to his belt. But a deer, bear, or other large animal he will leave, and thither the wife must go, cut it up, and carry it home.

Other Customs, etc.

A woman who dreams of snakes cannot expect to raise her children; and when it is known that a maiden has had such a dream it often interferes with her marriage. Indians are very fond of ornaments, trinkets, especially looking-glasses, small pieces of which they will wear at their belt.

Wampum shells, or strings of shells, are used by Indians as money. These when united form a broad belt, which is worn as an ornament, or girdle. Loose strings of it are worn as necklaces, by the men, but never by the women. The most important of its uses are, however, those of communication, as has been already indicated. A girl or woman who is found guilty of misbehavior, has either her ears or nose cut off.

Indians are very particular about the kind of wood they burn. They never use wood that snaps in burning. As their fire is always in the center of the wigwam, and around which they sleep, one can readily see the danger they would incur from the use of such wood.

The Orientals used as a light, little sprigs of resinous wood, which burn brightly, but with much more smoke than flame. These little sticks are held in the hand, at the risk of spreading the lighted pitch on all surrounding objects. Neither in the villages, nor even in the small towns, do they know what a candle or candlestick is. So with the Indian, who burns a flambeau of birch bark, or pine knots, when anything more than the light of the fire is needed. The Indian as well as the Turk is smoking at all times.

Indians have this marked peculiarity, that they never speak their own names, and very rarely will they mention the name of any member of their family. Ask an Indian his name, and he will tell you that his friend, if he has one with him, will tell you,