

two square cushions on the back of the head. The Chippewas and Menomonees dressed plainly, with nothing by which they could be distinguished.

Several Indian councils were held at Green Bay. They had a prophet; he wore a long black gown made of black silk handkerchiefs; another skin for a turban, with a red star in front. Young men who were in love wore cotton shawls of various colors, rattlesnake skins tied around their shoulders, bird feathers, small bells, claws of wild animals tied around their legs for garters. Every step they took, the bells jingled. A drum and flute were in constant requisition night and day, which was very annoying.

The young women were very modest; they covered their heads and faces in their blankets. It was very amusing for me to watch them court or make love. They had a peculiar way of expressing themselves by small bunches of sticks, something like a bunch of matches, which the man threw at the woman. If the love was reciprocated, she threw it back at him; if not, she walked away.

When the husband died, the wife arrayed herself in rags, painted her face black, with her hair down (by the way they all had beautiful long hair), and put a stick across the grave. She then jumped and ran away to the woods, returning at the end of one week, almost starved, the picture of despair.

The man does the same, and buries all the effects of the deceased with the remains; and taking a pan or dish of victuals, places it at the head of the grave. Sometimes the husband would cut his wife's nose close to her face, as a punishment for infidelity, so that no other man would fall in love with her. The wife would do the same to her husband; it was no uncommon thing to see them with a black plaster and bandage to cover the loss of the nose.

They are very superstitious and revengeful; they never forgave an injury. They never washed themselves, nor their clothing, but wore it until it dropped off.

On the 13th of July, 1827, the officers of Fort Howard gave a military ball. Lieut. E. Kirby Smith came for me in a small boat, there being no other mode of conveyance at that time, and