

suffer with the victim. This ceremony being performed, the fire was then kindled. At one time an Ottawa and his wife were held prisoners by the Sacs, and the man was brought to the stake; but his heart failing him, he was observed to shed tears, and the laugh of derision went through the circle of the standers by. His wife, on observing this, said to her husband. "You cause them to rejoice the more, and to look upon your weakness with glutting pleasure." After having so said, she threw off her mantle and ascended the pile, and making the war-whoop of defiance she was tied to the stake, and she was then required to name the principal chiefs of her tribe and the most consequential men of her village. She replied that she would not do so, but would name the principal Sac chief, pointing him with her finger, and said to him that she had six brothers who would revenge her death. She then resumed her death song, and occasionally giving the defying war-whoop. Thus she expired exulting over her enemies.

This event soon reached the ears of her brothers, and the eldest, whose name was Nangodook, immediately prepared a war wampum belt, with the war pipe and stem, and forwarded it to the different bands of Indians bordering upon the Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior. The Indians thus invited readily accepted the proposition made to them by Nangodook, and soon after this an immense number of canoes, filled with warriors, were seen to arrive and land at Nangodook's village. When all the warriors had arrived, they immediately embarked in their canoes and proceeded to the Sac village, situated near the Fox River upon the lake shore, and on reaching a sandy bay near the Sac village, Nangodook, who was the principal partisan and leader, made a halt, and they drew up their canoes, securing them in the woods. From this point they marched through the forest, and encircling the Sac village in part, waited for the dawn of day to make the attack; the warriors took their seats on the ground, and lit their pipes to smoke. On a height, back of the invading party, lay a Sac woman, who had quarreled in the early part of