

so that one cannot find a single Weed in them, although they Are very extensive.

The Outaouacs live on the other side of the River, opposite the French fort. They have also a palisaded fort. Their cabins are almost like those of the hurons. They use *apaquois* only when they go hunting. Their cabins in Their fort are all of bark, but not so neat or so well made as those of the hurons. They are also very clever and very industrious, both in hunting and agriculture. They have the same customs as The poux, as regards Their dances and Their juggleries, and their games of la crosse and dish.

This dish game is as follows. Eight little balls, red or black on one side, and yellow or white on the other, are tossed on a dish. When he who has the dish tosses them so that seven of the same color turn up, or all eight, he wins, and continues to play as long as he throws in this way; but when he throws otherwise, he or she with whom he Plays takes The dish and Plays in turn. In all these games they Play for large sums. They, and all the other nations likewise, have also the Game of straws.<sup>1</sup>

In all those countries the forests are very fine, and yield every kind of timber and of fruit. There are walnut trees, bearing walnuts like those of France; very fine plum-trees; and blackberry bushes, bearing berries that are very sweet, large and Long. There are a great many chestnut trees yielding abundance of nuts. Lake herié, which is fully three hundred Leagues in circumference, Is bordered with them.

A League from the fort of destroit is an island called ile aux cochons (Hog Island), which is a League in length.<sup>2</sup> It has the finest timber in the World, and prairies without end. It is one of the most beautiful islands to be seen, and has very fertile soil. Five Leagues from destroit is a small Lake called

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<sup>1</sup>For further information about these games, see *Jes. Relations*, x, pp. 187, 321, 322; xiv, 285; xv, 246; xvii, 201-205, 242.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup>This island, now called Belle Isle, is a handsome public park for the city of Detroit. Regarding its location, cf. p. 283, *ante*.—Ed.