

40 Leagues from cascaskias. Into this ouabache river empties also the casquinampo [Tennessee], by which one goes to carolinna; but it is a long distance, and always against the current.

It is on this ouabache River that the ouyatanons are Settled. They have five villages, all built close together. One is called ouyatanons, another peangnichias, another peticotias, and another Les gros; as for the last, I do not remember its name. But they are all ouyatanons. They speak like The miamis, and are their brothers; and indeed all the miamis have the same customs and style of dress. They number fully one thousand or twelve hundred men. They have one custom which is not found among any other nations—they keep Their fort very clean. They do not allow any grass to grow there, and the whole fort is strewn with Sand, like the Thyleris [Tuileries]; and, if a dog drops any excrements about the fort, The women pick Them up and carry Them outside. Their village is Situated on a high Elevation. They have more than two Leagues of fields, where they raise Their indian corn, pumpkins, and melons; and from that Elevation one sees nothing but prairies, stretching farther than the eye can reach, and abounding in buffalo. Games and dances without end take Place among them. All these nations use a great deal of vermilion. The women cover themselves, but The men wear very few clothes. It is by the oio or beautiful River that the yroquois come; and, as they Are very dangerous, it would be important to prevent them from having intercourse with the ouyatanons. This warning has Long been repeated, but no attention has been paid to it.

The Misisyppy rises in a Lake in the syou country. This river passes near the jlinois. This is about all that I Know about those places, for there are also many other rivers coming from the direction of the testes plates, which also empty into the Misisyppy; but I have forgotten the names of those rivers. There is one called chaouenons.

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