

took good care that provisions should be brought often, for they profited thereby.

On the next day, the Frenchman gave them, as presents, a Gun and a Kettle; and made them the following speech, which was suited to their character: "Men, I admire your youths; although they have since their birth seen only shadows, they seem to me as fine-looking as those who are born in regions where the Sun always displays his glory. I would not have believed that the earth, the mother of all men, could have furnished you the means of subsistence when you did not possess the light of the Frenchman, who supplies its influences to many peoples; I believe that you will become another nation when you become acquainted with him. I am the dawn of that light, which is beginning to appear in your lands,—as it were, that which precedes the Sun, who will soon shine brightly and will cause you to be born again, in another land, where you will find, more easily and in greater abundance, all that can be necessary to man. I see this fine Village filled with young men, who are, I am sure, as courageous as they are well built; and who will, without doubt, not fear their enemies if they carry French weapons. It is for these young men that I leave my Gun, which they must regard as the pledge of my esteem for their valor; they must use it if they are attacked. It will also be more satisfactory in hunting Cattle and other animals than are all the arrows that you use. To you who are Old Men I leave my Kettle; I carry it everywhere without fear of breaking it. You will cook in it the meat that your young men bring from the chase, and the food which you offer to the Frenchmen who come to visit you." He tossed a dozen awls and knives to the women, and said to them: "Throw aside your bone bodkins; these French awls will be much easier to use. These knives will be more useful to you in killing Beavers and in cutting your meat than are the pieces of stone that you use." Then, throwing to them some *Rassade*:¹ "See; these will better adorn your Children and Girls than do their usual ornaments." The *Miamis*

¹A French term for porcelain (*wampun*) beads of the round sort; they were made of porcelain or glass, both white and colored. The long, tubular beads were known as *canons*.—ED.