

This young Hill was the best scholar at Cambridge in New England. He writes remarkably - both in Roman and German text.

I remarked of the Indians of this part of the continent; they never speak in a hasty or rapid manner but in a soft, musical and harmonious voice. I am charmed with the mildness of their manners. They are still bad enemies.

Dinner was just on the table when I returned and in the same elegant style with the servants in their best apparel. Two slaves attended, one in scarlet and the other in coloured clothes. They both had silver buckles on their shoes. Port and madeira were again served but were not pressed to take too much. There was a toast to the royal family.

After dinner to do me honour Captain Brant directed all the young warriors to assemble in a large house to show me the war dance. We all went.

All the Indians were superbly dressed, glittering with silver in all the variety of shapes and forms of their fancy. I saw the pipe of peace with long white feathers and that of war with red feathers.

The chief himself held the drums and often joined in the singing. The variety of forms in which they put their bodies, the agility with which they changed posture is really curious to a European.

After doing me honour for two hours by a variety of dances I was desired to make a speech - to thank them for the handsome performance. I spoke in Gaelic.

After this they danced other dances and Captain Brant and I joined singing and dancing. He sang all the time to keep the cadence. The serpentine dance admirably curious, the one in the lead following all the convolutions of a serpent.

After the demonstration of Indian dancing we began Scotch reels. I was much surprised to see how neatly they did them. Their persons are perfectly formed for such exercise - the men, because of severity of hunting and labour are rather thin but tall and straight and well proportioned are extremely agile and supple. Most of the women are much fairer in complexion - they are plump and inclined to be lusty.

We continued till daylight. I had brought two gallons of rum to entertain them. I got typsy. Only one of the young Indians was so affected. The women, I could barely get them to taste it however warm they were from dancing. When Captain Brant observed the young Indian affected with drink he requested that I give him no more - and taxed him with being drunk saying he would put him out of the company if he did not take care what he was about.

I do not remember I ever passed a night I enjoyed more, the old Chief joined into all the frolics with the young people - I joined because I was a guest but the other men of my party only joined in a few of the reels. (continued next week)

#### Minced Cucumber Relish (Easy and good)

18 Large cucumbers                      12 Large onions

Parse cucumbers taking out the seeds, peel onions and put both through food chopper. Sprinkle over 1 cup salt. Let stand over night.

Next morning drain.

Mix 1 Qt. vinegar, 4 cups sugar, 4 tbsp. flour, 1 tsp. celery seed, 2 tsp. tumeric powder, 1 tsp. curry powder and 1 cup hot water. Boil these ingredients together. Pour over cucumbers and onions. Bring to boiling point. Seal in sterilized jars.

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