

dogs, who do all the work that our useful horses perform for us. They are rough-looking, but most sagacious animals, resembling a common house-dog. There is abundance of game and fish; and whales, which have been killed by the sword-fish, for the sake, as is supposed, of their tongues, are found dead upon their shores.

“ The natives live in neat Russian villages, and have mostly been baptized. They are still drunken and servile, though good-natured, and strikingly hospitable. In winter, they keep to their old fur clothing; but in summer, they dress in nankeens, and most of them wear a shirt. The women wear the Russian head-dress: and, in fact, being supplied with every thing they can want by the Russian pedlars, they now live just like Russian peasants. But still they are improvident, and will part with their most valuable furs for a glass of spirits; and they place the same reliance now upon their priests, which they formerly did upon their sorcerers.

“ It is much to be doubted whether these Kamtschadales are rendered happier by the mixture of the Russians with them. The introduction of spirits is ruinous to them. They do not hesitate to leave their wives and families in a starving state, in order to supply themselves with vodka. The tax, which they pay to the Russian govern-