

without Bread makes one's Breath Rink. They are neither so strong nor so vigorous as most of the *French* are in raising of Weights with their Arms, or carrying of Burdens on their Backs; but to make Amends for that, they are indefatigable and inured to Hardships, insomuch that the Inconveniences of Cold or Heat have no Impression upon them; their whole Time being spent in the Way of Exercise, whether in running up and down at Hunting and Fishing, or in Dancing and playing at Foot-ball, or such Games as require the Motion of the Legs.

The Women are of an indifferent Stature, and as handsom in the Face as you can well imagine; but then they are so fat, unwieldy, and ill-built, that they'll scarce tempt any but Savages. Their Hair is rolled up behind with a Sort of Ribband, and that Roller hangs down to their Girdle; they never offer to cut their Hair during the whole Course of their Lives, whereas the Men cut theirs every Month. 'Twere to be wished, that the same good Luck, which led them to the Observation of this, had thrown them upon the other Advices of *St. Paul*. They are covered from the Neck to under the Knee, and always put their Legs a cross when they sit. The Girls do the same from their *Cradle*, if the Word be not improper; for there is no such Thing as a *Cradle* among the Savages. The Mothers make Use of certain little Boards stuffed with Cotton, upon which the Children lie as if their Backs were glued to them, being swaddled in Linnen, and kept on with Swathbands run through the Sides of the Boards. To these Boards they tye Strings, by which they hang their Children upon the Branches of Trees, when they are about any Thing in the Woods.