

"Oct. 2. Then came one of the savages that swam away from us at our going up the river, with many others, thinking to betray us. But we perceived their intent, and suffered none of them to enter our ship. Whereupon two canoes full of men, with their bows and arrows, shot at us after our stern, in recompense of which we discharged six muskets, and killed two or three of them. Then above a hundred of them came to a point of land to shoot at us. There I shot a falcon¹ at them, and killed two, whereupon the rest fled into the woods. Yet they manned off another canoe with nine or ten men, which came to meet us; so I shot at it also a falcon, and shot it through, and killed one of them. Then our men with their muskets killed three or four of them. So they went their way. Within a mile after, we got down two leagues beyond that place, and anchored in a bay clear from all danger of them on the other side of the river, where we saw a very good piece of ground; and hard by it was a cliff that looked of the color of white green, as though it were a copper or a silver mine; and I think it to be one of them by the trees which grew upon it; for they be all burned, and the other places are green as grass; it is on that side of the river that is called Manna-Hata. There we saw no people to trouble us.

"Oct. 4. We weighed and came out of the river, into which we had run so far. Within a mile after, we came out also of *the great mouth of the great river*, that runneth up to the northwest, borrowing upon the more northern side of the same, thinking to have deep water."

Only fragments of Hudson's journal are in existence, though it is supposed that De Laet² had it before him entire when he wrote his *Description of the New Netherlands*, and we are fortunate in having preserved, in this work, the great navigator's description of the people he found dwelling within the bay:

"When I came on shore, the swarthy natives all stood around, and sung in their fashion; their clothing consisted of the skins of foxes and other animals, which they dress and make the skins into garments of various sorts. Their food is Turkish wheat (maize or Indian corn), which they cook by baking, and it is excellent eating. They all came on board one after another in their canoes, which are made of a single hollowed tree; their weapons are bows and arrows, pointed with sharp stones, which they

¹ A kind of cannon.

² John De Laet was a native of Antwerp, and one of the most distinguished of European geographers. He resided the greater part of his life in Leyden, where his works were issued from the unrivaled press of the Elzevirs. He was a director of the West India company, and the name of *New Netherlands* first appears in his description of this country.