

they live on the animals which they kill or catch, and at their return they sell the skins of these animals, whose furs are so well appreciated in our cities as a defence against the sharpness of the winter. You may judge how hard must be such a life through rivers and lakes and woods, rain and snow, frost and ice, particularly for the tender children.

However, our young girl, in this manner of living, became as strong, as skilful a huntress, as she was pious and amiable. No one surpassed her in running; in jumping, in climbing up the trees, in shooting; but she surpassed all the others in piety and modesty. Accomplished as Coaina was, the son of the chief of the tribe wished to marry her, and the marriage was to be soon celebrated with great feasts through the village, when all was stopped and changed. Her aunt charged her with many crimes; the judges of the tribe held their solemn assembly to decide the case; witnesses were heard, and on their depositions the accused girl was convicted of several crimes, and condemned to a public penance, and as much despised as she was before esteemed and praised by everybody. For several years the coming in the church and the receiving of the holy Communion were for-