

seeing about equal to that of the Indians with their naked eyes, enabled me to see him perfectly, as there at that early morning hour he, after his night's rest, rolled himself about lazily in the sand like a great black Newfoundland dog. He was evidently in good humour and not hungry, and my men said, as they watched him, that he must surely be the bear whose fishing-rock we had found the previous evening not many miles in our rear. As a matter of precaution, bears do not generally sleep near where they have been fishing, even if they have left there some fish that they could not at the one meal devour. They prefer their fish fresh in the season; and as they have found out that other animals of keen scent that love fish, even if they cannot catch them, may there soon be prowling about, they, having satisfied themselves, and indifferent as to the future, for peace' sake, generally go away some distance, ere they cuddle down to sleep, if the weather is fine, in a cosy spot, exactly as does a dog. Contrary as it may seem to the impression of many, the black bear is naturally a peaceful animal, and does not generally begin a quarrel, unless he has some good reason