

at a disadvantage, for we had made no shelter to keep off the rain, neither could we see it till just over our heads, and it began to fall.

One of our *Indians* cut 4 sticks 5 feet long, and stuck both ends into the ground, at 2 foot distance, one from another; over these he spread his match coat and crept through them, and then fell to singing: in the mean time we were setting poles flatwise in the ground, tying others cross them, over which we spread our blanket and crept close under it with a fire before us and fell fast asleep.

I waked a little after midnight, and found our fire almost out, so I got the hatchet and felled a few saplings which I laid on, and made a roaring fire, tho' it rained stoutly, and laying down once more, I slept sound all night.

21st, In the morning when we had dry'd our blankets, we kept along the side of a hill, gradually ascending, the soil good, timber tall, and abundance of ginseng; here the musketoes were very troublesome, it being foggy, thence proceeding down a long gradual descent on good rich soil with tall timber, sugar maple, chestnut, cherry, linden and elm, we traversed a large valley and rivulet, then rode up a little steep hill where we stopped at half an hour after eleven, this hill was a little sandy, with some large pines growing upon it; here we walked and looked about us, having not had such an opportunity for two days, during
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