

material, cut evenly below, reaches to the middle ; the ends of a piece of cloth secured to a waistband, hang down before and behind ; hose or Indian stockings descend from the top of the thigh to the ankle ; and a pair of mokassins or shoes of the same soft leather, with tops which fold round the ankle, complete the costume. When the hunter is equipped for the chase, he wears, in addition, a stripe of white hare-skin, or of the belly part of a deer-skin, in a bandeau round the head, with his lank, black elf-locks streaming from beneath ; a shot pouch, suspended by an embroidered belt, which crosses the shoulder ; a fire-bag or tobacco-pouch tucked into the girdle ; a pair of mittens ; and a long fowling-piece in its coat thrown carelessly across the arm or balanced on the back of the neck. The several articles here enumerated are ornamented at the seams and hems with leathern thongs wound round with porcupine quills, or are more or less embroidered with bead-work, according to the industry of the wife or wives. One of the young men even of the slovenly Dog-rib tribe, when newly equipped from top to toe, and tripping jauntily over the mossy ground with an elastic step, displays his slim and not ungraceful figure to advantage. But this fine dress, once donned, is neither laid aside nor cleaned while it lasts, and soon acquires a dingy look, and an odour which can be perceived from