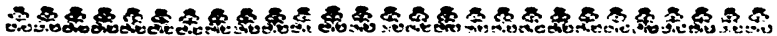


one harder than the other (the drier the better) and in the softest make an Hollow or Socket, to which they'll fit one end of the hardest Stick ; then holding the softest Wood firm between their Knees ; they fix the end of the hard Stick made fit into the Socket, and whirl it round in their Hand like a Drill, and it takes Fire in a few Minutes.

If they have lost or left their Kettle, 'tis but putting the Victuals into a Birch-Dish, leaving a vacancy in the middle, filling it with Water, and putting in hot Stones alternately : and they will thus thro'ly boil the toughest Neck of Beef.



## C H A P. VIII.

### *Of my three Years Captivity with the French.*

SECT. I.  
Of a Contention among the Indians, which caused them to sell me to the French.

**W**HEN about six Years of my doleful Captivity had past, my second Indian Master dyed, whose Squaw and my first Indian Master disputed whose Slave I should be ; and some malicious Persons advised them to end the Quarrel by putting a Period to my Life : but honest Father Simon, the Priest of the River, told them that it would be a heinous Crime, and advised them to sell me to the French. There came annually one or two Men of War to Supply the Fort, which was on the River about thirty four Leagues from the Sea : The Indians having Advice of the Arrival of a Man of War at the Mouth of the River, they, about thirty or forty in Number went aboard : For the Gentlemen from France made a Present to them every Year, and set forth the Riches & Victories of their Monarch &c. at this Time they presented a Bag or two of Flour with some Prunes, as Ingredients for a Feast. I, who was dress'd up in an old greasy Blanket, without Cap, Hat or Shirt, (for I had no Shirt for the six Years, but that which was on my Back when I was taken) was invited into the great Cabin, where many well rigg'd Gentlemen were sitting ; who would fain have had a full view of me : I endeavoured to hide my self behind the Hangings, for I was much ashamed ; thinking of my former wearing Cloaths, and of my living with People