CHAPTER XXXVI.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

CHAPTER XL.

Natives in the Neighborhood of Astoria-Their Persons and Characteristics-Causes of Deformity-Their Dress-Their Contempt of Beards-Ornaments-Armor'and Weapons-Mode of Flattening the Head-Extent of the Custom -Religious Belief-The two great Spirits of the Air and of the Fire-Priests or Medicine Men-The Rival Idols-Polygamy a cause of Greatness-Petty Warfare-Music, Dancing, Gambling-Thieving a Virtue-Keen Traders-Intrusive Habits-Abhorrence of Drunkenness-Anecdote of Comcomly...... 300

CHAPTER XLI.

Spring Arrangements at Astoria—Various Expeditions set out—The Long Narrows —Plifering Indians—Thievish Tribe at Wish-ram—Portage at the Falls—Portage by Moonlight—An Attack, a Rout, and a Robbery—Indian Cure for Cowardice—A Parley and Compromise—The Dispatch Party turn back—Meet Crooks and John Day—Their Sufferings—Indian Perfidy—Arrival at Astoria.. 307

CHAPTER XLII.

Comprehensive Views—To Supply the Russian Fur Establishment—An Agent sent to Russia—Project of an annual Ship—The "Beaver" fitted out—Her Equip-