

cotton shirt, a breech cloth round their loins, and a pair of long blanket leggings reaching up to their waist and fastened to their belts; these usually have a wide flap left at the seam; over all they usually wear a blanket, and they have a very dignified way of folding that about them; they wear their hair long, and occasionally sport a feather in it. They are very fond of having the skins of ermin or mink hanging to their blankets, and usually wear several necklaces of beads. Some of the older bucks are able to wear scalps, of which they are, of course, remarkably proud; some of the younger braves being unable to obtain these in these days of effete civilization, wear horse hair.

One never sees an Indian going barefoot; even the smallest papooses wear little moccasins. These moccasins are a sort of shoe made of soft buckskins, fitting close to the foot. Those of the bucks are elaborately beaded; those of the squaws usually plain.

The squaws wear a long loose kind of robe, reaching below the knees, made usually of thin cotton; round their waists they have a leather girdle, about three inches wide, and covered either with beads or brass-headed nails. They also wear short leggings, reaching only just above the knee and frequently showing the bare legs when the wind lifts their dress, which is extremely painful to a modest man like myself. They wear moccasins, and over all a blanket; neither they nor the bucks wear hats nor vary their custom for the winter; they are extremely hardy, and do not seem to suffer much from the cold, even when it is 40 degrees below zero. The men, it is true, do sometimes wear a soft felt hat, but it is solely for ornament, and they usually cut the crown out. The papooses, according to their sex, dress exactly like their elders in miniature.

The dress of all Indians is composed of the brightest colors they can get; they are not, however, glaring, as they usually have a neutral shade of dirt. The squaws usually show considerable skill and taste in the beading which they work; altogether they look very picturesque.

Their dwellings are pointed tents called tepees. These tepees are by far the best, and most convenient kind of tent I have ever seen; there are no ropes to break one's neck over, no pegs to come out in the middle of the night and let the wind in; and perhaps their greatest advantage is that they will stand a considerable amount of wind without blowing down; they are also very easy to put up. They are pitched as follows: Three poles are tied together near

