

tive stature, and dark complexion, with thick flat feet and crooked legs. They hold some intercourse with the Spaniards, from whom they obtain mules and certain articles for domestic use. They have the common Indian fondness for finery, and the fur tippets of the women are uncommonly beautiful. They wear pearl ornaments which they obtain from a friendly tribe living to the south-west, beyond the barren plains on the western side of the mountains.

THE CHINNOOKS.—These Indians inhabit the country about the mouth of the Oregon. They are an ill-looking race, of a diminutive stature, with broad, thick flat feet, thick ankles and crooked legs; this last deformity is owing, probably, to the universal practice of squatting or sitting upon their heels, and to the tight bandages of beads and strings worn by the women round their ankles. Their complexion is the usual copper-colored brown, but somewhat lighter than that of the Indians east of the Rocky Mountains. The Chinnooks, as well as all the neighboring tribes, practise the custom of flattening the head, by placing it, during infancy, between two boards. The females tattoo their skins; but the favorite ornaments of both sexes, are coarse white and blue beads, strings of which are wound very tightly about their wrists and ankles, to the width of three or four inches. They also wear large quantities round the neck, in the ears, and hanging from the nose, which last mode is peculiar to the men.

The moral qualities of these people have been described in a very contradictory manner by the different individuals who have visited them. Lewis and Clarke