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they spread themselves a great way inland to the west, and are divided into a vast number of tribes, or cantons, and governments, all of them living under their own Kings. They are taller and stouter than the other natives of Brasil, and in some respects more rude and barbarous: they are of a brown, swarthy complexion, with long black hair hanging down their backs and over their shoulders, only the forehead shaved as far as their ears, and all the rest of their bodies, even to their eye-brows. Their Kings are distinguished by having their heads shaved in the form of a crown, and having long nails on their fingers and thumbs. Both the men and the women go naked, except a small covering round their waist. The men commonly fasten feathers about their heads, and stick, by means of wild honey, the combs of fine birds on their foreheads. They likewise weave for themselves cloaks of cotton-thread, in the form of a net, stuck so close with feathers as to keep out a good shower of rain. They bore holes in their ears, nostrils, and under-lips, painting their bodies brown, on which they stick abundance of feathers, with wild honey. Their shoes are made from the rind of the fruit aguay. When their fathers or mothers die, they express their grief by tearing every hair off their heads. They eat human flesh when they can get it, and an abortive child they immediately devour. Their chief weapons are bows and arrows, with which they are so expert as to kill a bird flying; Others use no bows, but will throw their darts from their hands with surprizing dexterity, whilst others, who have neither of those weapons, content themselves with wooden clubs