

Novemb. tends to the hinder Bar, this Opening is for the fore Part of the Foot, so as the Toes do not touch the opposite Bar, as it would bruise them, the other Part of the Foot is on the Netting, fastened by two Strings or Straps of dressed Deer Skin which pass over the Toes, round the Foot and the Heel, tied in a Manner as to be easily shaken off, without using the Hands, the Shoe hangs principally by the Toes, and the fore Part of the Foot, and when the Foot is lifted up in walking, the Shoe hangs Horizontal, and from the Heel, which meets the Shoe again as the Foot is put down, in walking you shoot your Foot forward, lifting one Shoe so high as you may not strike the other, It causes a very aukward Gate, but is presently acquired. These Shoes, as well as the Manner of Cloathing in Winter, is after the Example of the *Indians*, and the Shoes are made by the *Indians* for the People at the Factory. There is no passing the Snow without such Shoes, for any length of Way, and where the Snow is not deep, as of about twelve or fourteen Inches you will not sink with them above half an Inch, but in the Woods and Plains, or such Places in which the Snow is deeper you will sink two or three Inches.

As there could be but few Snow-Shoes got, for the People, these they could procure were assigned to those of every Tent that hunted, the People of every Tent having their several Province, there being seven Persons in a Tent (including

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