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Then that funereal bed they richly lined
With skin of beaver,

And rich and trophied fur; uncouth-designed Glories of weaver;

Laid also there, in keeping for the dead, Vessels domestic,

And the rude weapons of the warrior dread— Warrior majestic,

Those that he had in life; placing for use In the Hereafter,

The things of which the mighty praise profuse

Had rung to rafter;

Arrows that had upon the grassy plain Buffalo tumbled;

Axes 'neath which the foeman erst was fain Prone to lie humbled;

The string of wampum, and the carven pipe Reached from the worn thatch,

Strange things of polished bone, the yellow-ripe Cobs from the corn-patch.

Then laid they there in state the warriors' bones,
With common people's;

There was no muffled peal in solemn tones

To ring from steeples;