

and several little toys for their wives, with which they were well pleased.

We left that place the second of October, and coasted along the lake, which is so steep that we could hardly find any place to land. The violence of the wind obliged us to drag our canoes sometimes to the top of the rocks to prevent their being dashed in pieces. The stormy weather lasted four days, during which we suffered very much, and our provisions failed us again ; which, with the fatigues of rowing, caused old father Gabriel to faint away in such manner, that I thought verily he could not live. We had no other subsistence but a handful of Indian corn once every twentyfour hours, which we roasted or else boiled in water ; and yet rowed almost every day from morning till night. Being in this dismal distress, we saw upon the coast a great many ravens and eagles, from whence we conjectured there was some prey ; and having landed upon that place, we found above the half of a fat wild goat which the wolves had strangled. This provision was very acceptable to us, and the rudest of our men could not but praise the divine Providence who took so particular a care of us.

Having thus refreshed ourselves, we continued our voyage directly to the southern parts of the lake. On the sixteenth, we met with abundance of game. A savage we had with us killed several stags and wild goats, and our men a great many turkies, very fat and big ; wherewith we provided ourselves for several days, and so embarked again. On the first of November we came to the mouth of the river of the Miamis, which runs from the south and