

iii. p. 319. But the nature of their dances is commonly such as I have described.

NOTE LXXXIX. p. 397.

THE *Otobomacoas*, a tribe seated on the banks of the Orinoco, employ for the same purpose a composition, which they call *Yupa*. It is formed of the seeds of an unknown plant, reduced to powder, and certain shells burnt and pulverized. The effects of this when drawn up into the nostrils are so violent, that they resemble madness rather than intoxication. Gumilla, i. 286.

NOTE XC. p. 399.

THOUGH this observation holds true among the greater part of the southern tribes, there are some in which the intemperance of the women is as excessive as that of the men. Bancroft's Nat. Hist. of Guiana, p. 275.

NOTE XCI. p. 404.

EVEN in the most intelligent writers concerning the manners of the Americans, one meets with inconsistent and inexplicable circumstances. P. Charlevoix, who, in consequence of the controversy between his order and that of the Franciscans, with respect to the talents and abilities of the North Americans, is disposed to represent both their intellectual and moral qualities in the most favourable light, asserts, that they are engaged in continual negotiations with their neighbours, and conduct these with the most refined address. At the same time, he adds, "that it becomes their envoys or plenipotentiaries to exert their abilities and eloquence, for if the terms which they offer are not accepted of, they had need to stand on their guard. It frequently happens, that a blow with a hatchet is the only return given to their propositions. He is not out of danger even if he is so fortunate as to avoid the stroke, he may expect to be pursued, and if taken, to be burnt." Hist. N. Fr. iii. 251. Men capable of such  
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