

enemies, he consumes but little of his time in rest or in sleep. When he examines the bark of the trees. and the inclination of their trunks and branches to the east, or the manner in which their leaves are strewn upon the ground by the winds of autumn, he can find out, with great exactness, the cardinal points of the heavens. With a scanty means of subsistence he is able to travel to an incredible distance, and can guide his footsteps with the most wonderful precision through every untrodden part of his boundless deserts.

Before the Indians have attained an advanced period of life, the marks of old age appear on the countenance. This is caused, not only by the severe fatigues and privations to which they are often exposed, but by the habitual indolence to which they are prone, when supplied with plenty of provisions.

The Indian women, like those of many other savage nations, participate in the misfortunes of a cruel servitude. In their ordinary transactions of life, they show more vivacity than the men. Their features are