

sausage, which was usually boiled. For preservation, meat is cut into thin sheets or into long strips and dried in the sun. I have seen dried meat three years old perfectly sweet. Sometimes it becomes worm-eaten without becoming rancid. In rainy weather, they often hang meat up in the smoke of the lodge to preserve it. The dried meat is sometimes eaten raw, but more frequently it is boiled or broiled; or it is boiled, pounded fine, and mixed with fat to make pemmican. They sometimes add sugar and berries to small quantities of pemmican. The meat of the elk and the deer is cooked and prepared in the same way as buffalo-meat, and of late, since the buffalo have so greatly decreased in number, is more used than the latter.

When game is abundant, they only use choice parts of an animal; but, when it is scarce, they discard nothing. They then pound the bones into small fragments, and subject them to prolonged boiling to make soup. During one winter of great scarcity, I knew of some Arickarees, who, not having horses, could not go out on the winter-hunt, to cut up and boil their bull-boats and the raw-hide doors of their houses for food. When hungry hunters kill an animal, they often eat the liver, the kidneys, and the hoofs of the fœtus, should there be one, raw. Raw liver is said to have a saccharine taste which is not unpleasant. Occasionally they eat other parts raw, but this is only when the quarry is little, the mouths many, and the prospect of a fire distant or doubtful.

Fat porcupine, bear, and beaver meat are esteemed, particularly the tail of the latter. They are fond of marrow and fat. Birds of prey, foxes, and wolves are eaten, but only when food is scarce. Turtles and fish are used as food; but I have never heard of any such use being made of snakes. The Grosventres have but recently learned to eat dog-flesh, and they still eat horse-flesh only under pressing necessity; but the Arickarees seem to have less prejudice to such food. Among many belonging to these tribes, a young, fat pup is considered a great delicacy. Insects, with one exception, and worms are never eaten, and few can now be persuaded to eat oysters. When a gravid buffalo, elk, or deer is killed, the *liquor amnii*