

mounted pistol, and a basket containing mirrors, beads, and trinkets, for his wives and daughters. To Mahéga a bridle ornamented with beads, several pounds of tobacco, powder, and lead, a fowling-piece, and a blanket of blue woollen-stuff. The features of the Osage Chief relaxed into a grim smile of satisfaction as he received these valuable gifts, and he so far overcame the repulsive sternness of his usual character as to seize Reginald's hand, and to tell him that he was a great chief, and good to his Indian brothers. The other presents having been distributed among the chiefs and braves, according to their rank, the feast was broken up and they retired to their respective lodges; Reginald, Baptiste, and M. Perrot, being accommodated in that of Tamenund's himself, and Bearskin, with the rest of the white-men's party, in those lodges which have before been mentioned as being contiguous to that of the old chief.

During the first night that he spent in his new quarters, the excitement, and novelty of the scene, banished sleep from the eyes of Reginald, and finding himself restless, he arose half an hour before daybreak, to enjoy the early freshness of the morning. Throwing his rifle over his arm, he was about to leave the lodge, when Baptiste touched him, and inquired in a low voice, if he were prepared with a reply in case of being challenged by any of the scouts around the encamp-