

Novemb. A brisk young Fellow, and a good Hunter, never fears the not getting of a Wife. He applies to the Father of her whom his Intention is upon, or her Brother, if Head of the Family, asks his Consent, and makes him a Present, after the Nature of the Country, of Beaver, or other Furs. The Consent obtained, he comes to the Tent at such Time as the Woman is there, and tosses into her Lap a Present, which, if near the Factories, is generally of a Piece of Cloth; her Acceptance of this, a Consent. The Marriage is then concluded, and the Contract passed. Upon which he afterwards comes, of a Night, to the Woman, and lies under her Tockie; is admitted to take hold of her Hand, sings to her, and, perhaps, pays several of these Visits before she speaks to him. Sometimes the Man, after the Woman's Acceptance of the Present, will take to Hunting along with the Family she belongs to, and continue in the same Tent. It will be a Month or two before there is a Consummation of the Marriage; the Time of which is always a Secret to every one but themselves.

It is generally usual for the Husband to carry his Wife to the Father's Tent, or where he lived before amongst his own Relations, or set up a Tent of his own; though sometimes they stay with the Wife's Relations. No Feasts are made, either at the Time of the Contract of Marriage, or at the Consummation. But, sometimes when
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