

or have they any Temples or Altars agreeable to June the Practice of the most antient People amongst the *Barbarians*. The *Persians* had not either Temples, Idols or Altars, even in the Time of *Herodotus*. Neither do these People worship *Manitou*, but to *Vitico* sometimes they make an Offering; where there is wanted a Removal of a present Evil, or to avert a future one. This is agreeable to that of *St. Augustin*, Lib. 8. *De civit Dei*: Chap. xiii. *Labeo numina mala vitiumis cruentis, atq; hujusmodi supplicationibus placari existimat: bona vero ludis & talibus, quasi ad letitiam pertinentibus rebus.*

In a Time of great Scarcity or Sickness, the *Indians* will make a Fire, take a Dog and tie his Mouth, then singe him at the Fire, afterwards tie him to a Pole lying along the Ground, to which Pole they have also fastened a Blanket, or a Parcel of Beaver Skins sewed together; they then set the Pole erect, and one of the Elders of the *Indians* addresses himself to *Vitico*, mentioning their Misfortune, and hopes, that he will let them have Health, or, as the Case is, more Plenty. When the *Indian* hath done speaking, the other *Indians* who stood by attentive and silent, make a Shout and then depart; leaving the Dog upon the Pole, never meddling with the Pole until it falls.

When the Ice is breaking up, they will throw Tobacco on the Ice, that it may not stop and cause a Deluge. They have a Notion of a personal