

Interval-Corn-Field, and then a Descent to a lower Interval before we ascended the Hill to the Spring. James being almost dead as well as I, with this continual Fatigue, contriv'd to fright the Indians: he told me of it, but conjur'd me to secrecy, yet said he knew that I could keep Counsel. The next dark Night James going for Water, set his kettle on the descent to the lowest Interval: and ran back to the Fort, puffing & blowing, as in the utmost Surprize; and told his Master that he saw something near the Spring, that look'd like Mohawks: [which he said were only Stumps—aside] his Master being a most courageous Warrior, went with James to make discovery, and when they came to the brow of the Hill, James pointed to the Stumps, and withal touch'd his Kettle with his Toe, which gave it motion down Hill, and at every turn of the Kettle the Bail clattered; upon which James and his Master could see a Mohawk in every Stump on motion, and turned Tail to, and he was the best Man that could run fastest. This alarm'd all the Indians in the Village. They, tho' about thirty or forty in number, pack'd off Bag and Baggage, some up the River and others down: and did not return under fifteen Days, and the heat of the Weather being finely [finally] over, our hard Service abated for this Season. I never heard that the Indians understood the Occasion of the Fright, but James and I had many a private Laugh about it."

#### SAVED BY A GIRL FROM DROWNING.

"Fishing for Salmon at the Fall of about fifteen Feet of Water, there being a deep Hole at the foot of the Fall; the Indians went into the Water to wash themselves, and asked me to go in with them. I told them that I could not Swim. They bid me strip [which was done] and dive across the Deepest place, and if I fell short of the other side they said they would help me. But instead of diving across the narrowest, I was Crawling on the bottom into the deepest Place: but not seeing me rise, and knowing whereabouts I was by the bubbling of the Water, a young girl dove into the Water, and seizing me by the Hair of my Head drew me out: otherwise I had perished in the Water."