

and kernels, and put in her hand a tall stem with the leaves still clinging and the top crested with the graceful flower.

Falling back to admire, they called upon the Sun and the Moon, the Turtle and the spirits of their ancestresses to come and be with her, and Adohasu herself to dwell in her.

Then all the matrons marching out with her under the light of the stars, across the broad square to the Council House, delivered her there to the Mystery Men, who solemnly received her, rattling their sacred rattles and beating their holy drums; and the matrons returned to the various houses over which they had the rulership. And when the women of the other clans had done the same, slumber fell upon the town.

Hochelaga, which thus slept silently under the stars, was walled about with a triple palisade in the form of a circle, lashed together with thongs of elm-bark. It was of the height of four warriors. The town had but one gate. Its open square in the centre, a good stone's throw across, was adorned with the painted Council House and the principal houses of the clans, and in its centre was the War-post, carved and