

dexterity they had acquired, the manner of clothing themselves, and their food.

That these houses were not built as mere places of refuge, in case of danger, is pretty clear, from the fact that the relics found on every floor show that each family had there its full arrange-



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ments for cooking, weaving, making nets, and fishing; in short, everything that the people of those days did indoors at all, could have been done, and probably was done, inside these houses built in the lakes. Not only the houses were there equipped for ordinary life, but the cattle, the pigs, the sheep, and the goats, were stalled there in separate places on the piles.

The relics found, indicate that the people lived principally on fish, venison, chestnuts and corn-bread, with some wheat and fruit, while their clothing was oftener made of woven or plaited cloth than of the skins of beasts. Wheat and corn were cultivated as