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of the Wind, that they may not light on the same Prey, and in the Evening they meet at the Place appointed without any Mistake, which they do, by observing the Sun; they can do the same was it by Night, by observing the Stars: And at Times when neither Sun or Stars appear. The Trees of the Forest are by Nature Compasses to point out the Way, they shewing, by infallible Tokens, which is the North; the first is the Top of the Tree, which always bends towards the South, attracted by the Sun; the second is, the Boughs are thinner on the Side of the Tree which is towards the North, than they are towards the South; there is no Moss on the North Side, as there is on the South Side, and the Bark which is towards the North is of a darker Colour than that towards the South. Although they have these Signs, yet if they are to return to the Place they go from, they break down Branches and lay them in the Way, also chop the Trees, that they may be exact; or if any are to come after them they do the same, that they may not lose their Way, if the Wind or Snow hath covered the Paths.

They are very exact in observing the Course of their Journey, and at Feasts will describe the Tract to each other on the Ground with a Stick, distinguishing the Woods, the Savannas, the Sea, Rivers and Lakes which they met with; and this Knowledge is what they make a great Account of.