

September. Ridge: This Dam hath no Cut on the Top of it, as the others, to let the Water off.

This House was said to have no Beavers in it, by Reason they had been disturbed; for, when once Beavers are disturbed, they immediately quit that Habitation. The *Indians* know in the Summer Season, whether the Beavers inhabit a House or not, by looking on the Stems of the Poplar, the upper Part, or Branches of which have been bit off, and seeing whether the Marks of their Teeth are fresh or not; for it is with their fore Teeth, which are shaped like those of a Rabbit, that they cut down all their Wood, and the Pieces, where cut, look as if they had been cut by a Cooper's Gouge: If the Marks are fresh, they then know that the House is not forsaken. The *Indians* also know by the Mark which their Teeth leave, what kind of Beavers there are in such House, their Age and Number; at a Birth they have from two to five, and not more, and breed Annually.

The *Indians* sometimes shoot them, which they do by getting to the Leeward of the Beavers; and they must make Use of some Dexterity, for the Beaver is an extreme shy Animal, sharp at Hearing, and of a quick Scent; and the Opportunities they have of shooting them is at such Times as the Beavers are at Work, or when Ashore to feed on the Poplar. They work in the Morning and Evening, when every Thing is quiet; while
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