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face round, the eye black, or hazel, the hair brown, that of the Women and Children light brown, the cheek bones not too high, the Nose full and rather flat, the mouth rather large, the lips thick, the teeth good and the neck short ; except a few of both sexes who were clothed, they were all naked, the female sex had scarcely a trace of the decency and modesty of the upper country women. Some of them offered their favors, but they were so devoid of temptation, that not one pretended to understand them ; what a change in a few miles.

The Chief came and invited me to his House, which was near to us, it was well and strongly built of Logs, the inside clean and well arranged, separate bed places fastened to the walls, and raised about three feet above the floor, which was of earth, and clean ; a number of small poles were fixed in the upper part on which were hanging as many Salmon, drying and smoking as could be placed, for the Salmon are fat and good on their first arrival, they were now losing much of their good condition ; the Salmon that enter the Columbia River are of five species as pointed out to me by the Natives, the smallest are about five pounds in weight ; and the largest from fifty to fifty five pounds weight ; the Natives say, that no two species enters the same stream to spawn, and that each species enters a separate River for that purpose ; one of the smaller species was named quinze sous, which amused the fancy of my men, it being the name of a small silver coin. I staid about an hour in the House, he kept talking to me, pointing out the arrangements of his house, and making use of as many English words as he had learned from the ships when trading with them, some of them not the best. The fire place was on the left hand side of the door, for which some earth had been taken away to keep the wood steady on the fire ; there was no aperture for the smoke, in order to give the Salmon the full benefit of it. The fireplace was surrounded with rush Mats, the whole appeared comfortable