

are rather round than oval ; with high cheek bones ; small but lustrous and deeply-set hazel eyes ; narrow forehead ; flattish nose ; thick lips : black, straight, long, coarse hair ; and beard wanting, owing to a custom of depilation, which is begun at an early age and continued through life, by the males. Such are the physical characteristics of the red men ; to which it may be added that their bodily senses while denizens of the forest, are exquisitely keen. Their complexion is a reddish brown. When first known to Europeans they went almost naked in summer, but in winter were clothed in skins and furs. The chiefs and warriors were often grotesquely arrayed in such guise as was intended to give indication of their exploits in war or the chase. They were fond of painting or staining their bodies with real or imagined resemblances, in lively and varied colors ; being extremely partial to a bright red. The hair was worn differently, many of them having head tufts of colored feathers or animal's hair arranged in the most fantastic ways. A pair of moccasins variously ornamented, composed the feet covering. The ears and septum of the nostrils were often pierced for affixing pendant objects, and bracelets of serpent's skin or wampum were worn on the

h nation and tribe had their distinguishing symbols, and even families had their armorials or distinctive marks.

The only offensive weapons in use among them before the advent of Europeans, were the arrow and toma-