

any spot Mr. Murray might indicate after he had landed. Murray told him that he was to move the staff to whichever side he might wave his hat. "C'est bien, Monsieur," said the voyageur, as he pushed off in his canoe. The first position he selected not suiting Mr. Murray, the latter took off his hat and waved him the pre-arranged signal. The man had evidently misunderstood, for while continuing to hold the disc-staff in a provokingly negligé style, he took off his own hat and waved it most gracefully to the same side. This made Murray furious, and he signalled wildly with his hat to the other side. The man changed hands on the staff and waved more elegantly than even on the corresponding side. Words failed Murray for the occasion, and, gasping for breath, he handed the micrometer to some one near him and ran for his rifle. The voyageur wore his Sunday coat, a light alpaca. It was hanging open from his shoulders and blown a little way out from his body. With a steady hand Murray sent a bullet through the fluttering coat-tails, which evidently gave the man a jerk at the instant he heard the crack of the rifle, for he dropped the staff, exclaiming, "Mon Dieu, je suis tué."

A cold bath every morning was regarded by Murray as more essential than his prayers, and no matter how inclement the weather might be, or how inconveniently his tent might happen to be pitched for getting at the water, he would never allow the cold, rain or wind, or such obstacles as a marsh, a jam of driftwood or the tangled brush, to prevent him reaching deep water and enjoying his "dip." Late in the autumn, after the snow had whitened the ground and the ice was forming around the shores, he still continued the practice with unabated rigor. Cleanliness was a sort of hobby with him, and he had a very poor opinion of anyone who did not "tub" with reasonable regularity. When on an exploratory "traverse" in the woods, if a river or a narrow lake lay across his course, he would not hesitate to plunge in and swim to the other side rather than lose time in making a raft, as most explorers do under such circumstances.