

formance is over. He left the day before I arrived, and went away across the river. At the next house we visited, two men only were dancing; they had evidently been at it a long time, and appeared to be nearly exhausted, the perspiration streaming down their necks and backs; they were naked, like the others, but each had the skin of a fawn wrapped round his waist, and the fawn's head dangling at his side. We waited till this dance was over. Then a couple of squaws brought in calabashes, filled with bread and preserved fruits, and laid them in a line along the centre of the floor—the bread and fruits alternately. First the principal men and the two dancers were summoned to partake; and we were beckoned also to seat ourselves. 'This seemed a very friendly act, and although I was not hungry, I sat down and ate a little—dipping a piece of bread into the bowl of fruit and scooping up a little, as I saw the Indians do. These Zuni Indians certainly seemed uncommonly friendly and hospitable. What more beautiful and graceful a way of receiving a stranger could be conceived than to take his hand, shake it kindly and smilingly, then lift the hand that has held the stranger's to the lips and draw in the breath. I noticed my new-found friends of Zuni doing this, so, of course, I did the same. I was struck, too, by the reverent way they approached, one by one, a heathen shrine which had been erected at the end of the room, muttered some words of prayer or address to their unseen God, then put out their hands, grasped the air in front of the shrine, raised their hands to their lips and drew in the breath. These people certainly seemed to be in earnest about their religion, worthless though it might be—far more in earnest than are the great majority of professed Christians.

We had rather an uncomfortable breakfast the next morning. There were two ladies in the party connected with the Hemenway exploration, and we all ate together in the adobe-walled chamber which served as a dining room. The uncomfortableness of the breakfast was owing to the fact that there was scarcely a dry spot on the floor; and the reason that there was scarcely a dry spot on the floor, was that the house was an adobe house with a flat roof, and the flat roof was covered with snow, and the warmth of the room was melting the snow; and large drops of water, charged with adobe soil, were dropping on nearly every part of the floor, and on nearly every part of the breakfast-table. The ladies sat with their petticoats drawn up around them, looking very uncomfortable; and first there came a big drop of water on somebody's beefsteak, then a large drop into somebody's coffee, and then a large drop down the neck of the person who was drinking the coffee. It is very uncomfortable to get a big drop of water down one's neck at any time, and especially so when one is drinking coffee. That breakfast was a shifting scene; and, towards the end of it, three of the party were sitting almost in the fire, and the others were huddled together at an opposite end of the table,