

hunting went on briskly, and having procured an adequate supply of dried stores, they again set off on the 18th of April. After travelling about ten miles, they came to a tent of Indians, near the Thelewey-aza River. From these people Matonabee purchased another wife, though he had six before; and most of them of the size of grenadiers. Indeed the chief pride of an indian is to have a wife of strength rather than beauty; for in a country like this, where a partner, able to endure hard labour, is the chief motive for the union, and the attachment of sex a secondary object, this preference of choice is not to be wondered at.

In general, the women here are far from being objects of attraction, according to our ideas of beauty; though there are a few, when young, that are not quite destitute of personal charms. Hard labour, however, hard fare, and a rigorous climate, soon render them wrinkled; and they have all the marks of decrepitude before they are thirty.