

" with our rackets *, to make their way
 " over mountains of snow : he would ne-
 " vertheless follow them, dart them,
 " without ever missing his aim, tire them
 " out with his chase, bring them down,
 " and mortally wound them. Then he
 " would regale us with their blood, skin
 " them, and deliver up the carcasses to us
 " to cut to pieces. But if thy great, great,
 " great grand-father made such a figure
 " in the chase, what has not thy great,
 " great grand-father done with respect to
 " the beavers, those animals almost men?
 " whose industry he surpassed by his fre-
 " quent watchings round their cabbins,
 " by the repeated alarms he would give
 " them several times in one evening, and
 " oblige them thereby to return home, so
 " that he might be sure of the number of
 " those animals he had seen dispersed
 " during the day, having a particular
 " foresight of the spot to which they
 " would come to load their tails with
 " earth, cut down with their teeth such

* A sort of buskined shoes made purposely for the In-
 dian travels over the snow.

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