

Wait a little, Lady Mary, let us see what there is in the basket besides the rice and the Maple-sugar."

"What a lovely thing this is! dear nurse, what can it be?"

"It is a sheath, for your scizzors, my dear; it is made of doe-skin, and it is embroidered with beads, and colored quills split fine, and sewed down with the deer sinew thread. There is a pair of bracelets; they are very curiously woven."

Lady Mary examined the bracelets and said, she thought they were wrought with beads, like bugles. But Mrs. Frazer told her that they were porcupine quills cut out very fine, and strung in a pattern. They were very neatly and tastefully made; the pattern was that of a Grecian scroll, very carefully imitated by some Indian squaw.

"There is an embroidered knife sheath; it is large enough for a hunting knife.—For a 'couteau du chasse,'—that is the name for it, is it not?"

"This sheath was worked by the wife of Isaak Iron, an educated Indian chief of the the Mudlake Indians. She gave it to me because I had once been kind to her in sickness."

"I will give it to my dear papa," said Lady Mary, "for I never mean to go out hunting, and do not wish to carry a big knife by my side" and she laid the sheath away after having admired its gay colors, and the figure of a little animal worked in black and white quills, which was meant to represent a raccoon; Mrs. Frazer told her.

"This is a present for your doll, it is a doll's mat, it was woven by a little girl seven years old, Rachel Muskrat;—and here is a little canoe of red cedar; made by a little Indian boy."

"What a darling little boat, and there is a fish carved on the paddles." This device greatly pleased the little girl, and she said she would send Rachel a wax doll, and little Moses a knife, or something useful, when Mrs. Frazer went again to the Lakes;—but when her nurse took out of the other end of the basket a birch bark cradle made for the doll, worked very richly, the child clapped her hands for joy; and said, "Ah, nurse, you should not have brought me so many pretty things at once, for I am too happy!"