

his apathetic slumbers—"by some infernal powers the faces of the babies are becoming blanched!"

From this region came the Ojibway Indians, lately exhibiting in London. I may remark regarding them, that to gull the English public—(gullible it was declared by Shakspeare to have been in *his* time,\* gullible it still is)—they were decked out in costumes which they neither saw nor wore in their own country. The leather dresses and ornaments were those appertaining to the Prairie tribes, whose nearest haunt is distant at least one thousand miles from the Ojibway country. Their *war*-dances, also, were merely antics carefully rehearsed for the occasion: of war they have no knowledge or experience, being a quiet demi-civilized race.

With all the other Indian tribes of British America (the few scattered over New Brunswick and Nova Scotia excepted) the Hudson's Bay Company alone has communication.

Its charter, it is true, gives it an exclusive right only to the trade of the country whose waters fall into Hudson's Bay: to which char-

\* "A strange fish! Were I in England now (as once I was) and had but this fish painted, not a holiday fool there but would give a piece of silver: there would this monster make a man—any strange beast there makes a man. When they would not give a doit to relieve a lame beggar, they will lay out ten to see a dead Indian."—*Tempest*.