

circumcised, and when they found that I was not, they would point their fingers at me and say I was unclean. They used to bring calabashes of water, roll me over, and wash the mud from my body, and by my request stream breast milk into my eyes to cure them.

That we might not lose our time, or dates, we kept the day of the week and month thus; we knew the day we were shipwrecked was the 20th of June; we, for then took a spear of grass, and for every day tied a knot, and for every Sunday tied two, one over the other. By this means we found out when Christmas came. On this day I told Steere we must have something better than common to eat; he then asked me what it could be? I told him to go out among the sugar canes, and knock over one of the chief's fowls, and take it, and pull up a handful of herbs, and tell the chief he wanted to make me some tea, and so borrow a pot of him, and make him think we wanted it for that purpose, while we should be cooking the fowl with it. Thus we had our feast, and felt as well, perhaps, as many would on the best dainties in America.

At length my eyes were some better, and my strength in some small degree restored. And, one day Steere travelling along the

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