

which was ordinarily covered with a skin cloak or a woven rabbit skin robe falling to their feet."

WAR AND WARLIKE IMPLEMENTS OF THE TUNGUS AND THE DÉNÉS.

Mr. John McIntosh, author of "The Origin of the North American Indians," says: "When war is declared among the Tungusi, according to Abernethy, Santini, and others, the first ceremony, which is the same among the North American Indians, is *to hang the kettle on the fire*," Abernethy, speaking of warlike expeditions, says: "Some tribes among the Tungusi and Coriaks paint themselves black the day before they depart; this colour, however, is changed to red on setting off. * * * The Tungusi, in order to ascertain the courage, patience, and perseverance of their warriors, inflict many injuries and insults on the young people who never faced an enemy. They first reproach them with the names of cowards; they beat them with their clubs and even throw boiling water on them, and if they show on these occasions the least impatience and sensibility, they are reckoned as dastards who are not worthy of the name of warriors. They carry this practice of trying the young men so far that it would be too tedious to relate them. * * * When the day of departure is arrived, they are not at all void of those tender feelings which are always found among any civilized nation on occasions of this sort. They give mutual pledges as assurances of a perpetual remembrance. At their departure, the whole village meets at the cabin of the chief, which is now surrounded by warriors. On coming out of his cabin, he addresses them for the last time. After his speech, he again sings the song of death, and they all take their leave of their families, friends and relatives. * * * Their arms are bows and arrows, a javelin and a *head-breaker*. Their defensive armour consists of the hides of buffaloes, and sometimes a coat of pliable sticks, woven and pretty well wrought." Sauer has nothing to say of the Tungus in war, but states that they hunt with bows and arrows; but he has a picture facing page 321, of a Tchuktchi man in armour, to which he appends this note: "The armour is made either of lath-wood, with thin bone, or, if they can obtain them, iron hoops in preference; they are fastened together with the sinews of seals, so that they will bend both ways, and are covered over with leather which is bound on with thin slips of whalebone, which gives it the appearance of so many hoops. They are replete with loops and buttons, upon which they hang their bows, arrows, etc.; the upper part occasionally lets down." To return to Abernethy: "Innumerable ceremonies attend the entrance of the warriors into their villages on their return from the field of battle. The