

winter, when this animal is very fat, the greafe that fwims on the broth becomes a perfect oil, which the *Indians* frequently drink untill they burft. — As soon as the bear is killed, the hunter places the fmall end of his pipe in its mouth, and by blowing in the bowls, fills the mouth and throat full of fmoak, then he conjures the departed Spirit not to refent the injury done his body, nor to thwart his future fport in hunting, but as he receives no anfwer to this, in order to know if his prayers have prevailed, he cuts the ligament under the bear's tongue, if thefe ligaments contract and fhivel up, being caft into the fire, which is done with great folemnity and abundance of invocations: then it is efteemed a certain mark (as it rarely fails) that the *manes* are appeafed. It was now time to return to our fire where we laid us down to ref.

The 13th, in the morning, the *Indians* repaid our vifit, and entertained us with a familiar converfation for half an hour at the fire. We then fet out up the creek, where I obferved three noble white pine trees, with many large green cones hanging on the top and fide branches over the creek, which was three rods broad and pretty deep, had thefe been ripe I know not how we fhould have got at them, as they were at the extremity of large branches, that hung over the Water, on which part of the branch they generally grow. Soon after we

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