

dress, and we saw a few who had ruffled shirts on, which they never wash or pull off so long as they will hold together; but they generally go without shirts. The women are much of the same shape and complexion with the men, and wear their long black hair loose about their shoulders. They do not wear either shoes, stockings, or shifts, but a sort of petticoat that reaches from their middle to the knee, and a loose piece of cloth like a cloak thrown about their shoulders. Each man has his own wife, and they are very faithful to each other. We were told that as soon as their children are born they are laid in a straight cradle made of the bark of a tree, where they suffer them to lay till they can walk without assistance. The straightness in stature for which these people are so remarkable, it is thought is owing to this means. The affection that reigns amongst them is somewhat singular, for when they meet after being some little time absent, they salute each other with a kiss on each side of the face, and then on the lips.

Their canoes are very ingeniously made, mostly of the bark of the birch tree, without either nails, pins, leather or hemp; instead of which, they sew them up with roots of trees, dyed different colours, and line them with ash-wood split thin like the girth wood used for milk pails, &c. in England: They are sharp at each end, about two feet wide in the middle, and will carry four or five men; with the use of a small paddle, they make their way very expeditiously on the water. We crossed Annapolis river twice with an Indian in one of those canoes.

The Indian women are very ingenious in making boxes and hat cases of birch bark, which they