

CHAPTER VI.

HOUSES.

Houses of the Ahts—Custom of Changing Quarters—Mode of Shifting an Encampment—No Appreciation of Natural Scenery—Description of Dwellings and Furniture.

Carrying his own home still, still is at home.—DONNE.

A fish : he smells like a fish ; a very ancient and fishlike smell.

SHAKSPEARE.

THE framework or fixed portion of the houses in an Indian village here belongs to individuals, generally to subordinate chiefs, or to men of some station in the tribe. The name of the owner of the framework of any division of the house is given to the division formed by such framework for the use of a family, when the whole encampment is planked in for occupation. The planking is a joint contribution from the inmates. It is customary for the natives to shift their encampments several times during the year, so as to be near good fishing and root and fruit grounds. They cannot, however, be strictly considered as migratory tribes, as they always move to the same places, according to the season, and these different encampments are not far apart. The framework of the