

are so expert at these, that I haue seene one a good distance off strike a very small bird through the middle : and they vse to cast a thing vp from hand, and before it comes to ground to meete it with a shaft. Their bowes are but weake, and carry not leuell very farre, yet these are their liuelyhood, and euery day they are abroad after squirrells, pareridges, turkies, deere, and the like game; whereof there is a wonderfull plenty; though wee dare not yet bee so bold our selues, as to fetch fresh meate by this meanes farre off.

The *Indian* houses are all built heere in a long halfe Ouall; nine or tenne foote high to the middle top, where (as in ancient Temples) the light is admitted by a window, halfe a yard square; which window is also the chimney, which giueth passage to the smoake, the fire being made in the middest of the floore (as in our old halls of *England*) and about it they vse to lie. Saue only that their kings and great men haue their cabbins, and a bed of skinnes well dressed (wherein they are excellent) set on boards, and foure stakes driuen into the ground. And now at this present, many of vs live in these *Witchotts* (as they termethem) conueniently enough till better bee set vp : But they are dressed vp somthing better then when the *Indians* had them.

The naturall witt of this nation is good and quick, and will conceiue a thing very readily : they excell in smell and tast, and haue far sharper sight then wee. Their ordinary diet is Poane and Omine, both made of corne, to which they adde at times, Fish, Foule, or Venison.

They are of great temperance, especially from Hott-waters or Wine, which they are hardly brought to taste, saue onely whom the *English* haue corrupted with their owne vices.

For modestie, I must confesse, I neuer saw from Man or Woman, any action tending to leuitie: and yet daily the poore soules are here in our houses, and take content to bee with vs, bringing sometimes Turkeys, sometimes Squirrills, as big as *English* Rabbetts, but much more dainty; at other times fine white cakes, Partridges, Oysters ready boild and stewed : and doe runne vnto vs with smiling countenance when they see vs, and will hunt and fish for vs, if wee will; and all this with intercourse of very few words, but wee haue hitherto gathered their meaning by signes.