



Games of the Indian youths.

ent; wherever the white man went there was the Indian standing across his path.

The Indians of North America were for the most part wild and uncivilized. They lived in huts (wigwams) made of skins or bark stretched over frames of wood. The Iroquois Indians—a tribe occupying the region afterward known as New York—lived in what were known as “long houses.” The long house was a long, low house in which lived twenty or thirty families, each family occupying its own apartment.

Government among the Indians was conducted by tribes. A number of families related by blood would join together to form a clan, and a number of clans would join and form a tribe. The tribe was governed by a chief and a council of wise men.

The religion of the Indian consisted in a worship of the world of nature around him. He saw God in the flowing river, in the sunshine and in the storm. His heaven was a happy hunting-ground where he had his dog and his bow and arrow, and where he could hunt forever.