

August

my cook to ask them what they wanted - nothing was their answer only to visit me. As I just had had breakfast I left Charles to give them the remains. Putting it for them on the grass they were at it with their fingers & Charles came to give them kumpe & foken Bacon, bread, cakes & apples disappeared in a short time & their little stomachs must have shown great possibilities in elasticity. - When finished they asked for the big axe, upon enquiring for what purpose they said 'to get wood for you' I thanked them for their will but told them they were too small for the big axe, besides that they should always show the same gratitude to every one who may do them a kind act or favor. - They then went off and in a half or three quarters of an hour returned dragging large sticks of wood which they had cut, having gone home for their Seneca axe to cut it with. - This sense of gratitude was to me the more pleasing as the adult Indian seldom shows the slightest gratitude. - Frequently squaws come to my camp with a few potatoes or berries or a pint of milk to trade for bacon or bread, mostly the former, what they have to sell is probably worth five cents whereas what they expect is about fifty cents worth of bacon.

Wednesday 22  
Hot

The heat and "bulldogs" (big flies) prevented me from doing much during the day time. - At night observed for time. - My attempt to observe at about half past nine proved futile for I was obliged to abandon the observatory & leave it possession of the mosquitoes. This is the first time I was ever driven out of the observatory. Towards midnight I got transit. -

Thursday 23  
Hot

In afternoon there being a little breeze I took a walk. Towards evening Mr. Macara went over to the Agency (Indian) & got our mail which had just arrived with the welcome news. - At night observed for time. -

Friday 24  
pleasant  
cloudy

Last night at about one o'clock I heard the tramping of horses - going outside I found three men on horseback galloping along. - This seemed strange to me at the dead of night - one left the trail & rode towards my tent where I still had a light - I found him