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TO THE SHORES OF
THE POLAR SEA,

IN THE YEARS
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Indians, named in their own language Pegancœ-koon, have four hundred tents.

“ Third, the Meethco-thinyoowuc, or Blood Indians, named by themselves Kainœ-koon, have three hundred tents.

“ Fourth, the Cuskoeteh-waw-thésseetuck, or Black-foot Indians, in their own language Saxœkœ-koon, have three hundred and fifty tents.

“ The last three nations, or tribes, the Pegans, Blood Indians, and Black-feet, speak the same language. It is pronounced in a slow and distinct tone, has much softness, and is easily acquired by their neighbours. I am assured by the best interpreters in the country, that it bears no affinity to the Cree, Sioux, or Chipewyan languages.

“ Lastly, the Sassees, or Circees, have one hundred and fifty tents; they speak the same language with their neighbours, the Snare Indians, who are a tribe of the extensive family of the Chipewyans*.”

On the 6th of February we accompanied Mr. Prudens on a visit to a Cree encampment, and to see a buffalo pound, both of them situated about six miles from the house; we found seven tents pitched within a small cluster of pines, which adjoined the pound. The largest, which we entered, belonged to the chief, who was

* “ As the subject may be interesting to philologists, I subjoin a few words of the Blackfoot language:—

Peestâh kan,	tobacco.	Stoo-an,	a knife.
Moohksee,	an awl.	Sassoopats,	ammunition.
Nappœ-oôhkee,	rum.	Meenee,	beads.
Cook keet,	give me.	Poommees,	fat.
Eeninee,	buffalo.	Miss ta poot,	keep off.
Pooxâpoot,	come here.	Saw,	no.
Kat œt sits,	none, I have none.	Stwee,	cold; it is cold.
Keet stâ kee,	a beaver.	Pennâkômit,	a horse.
Naum`,	a bow.	Ahseeu,	good.”