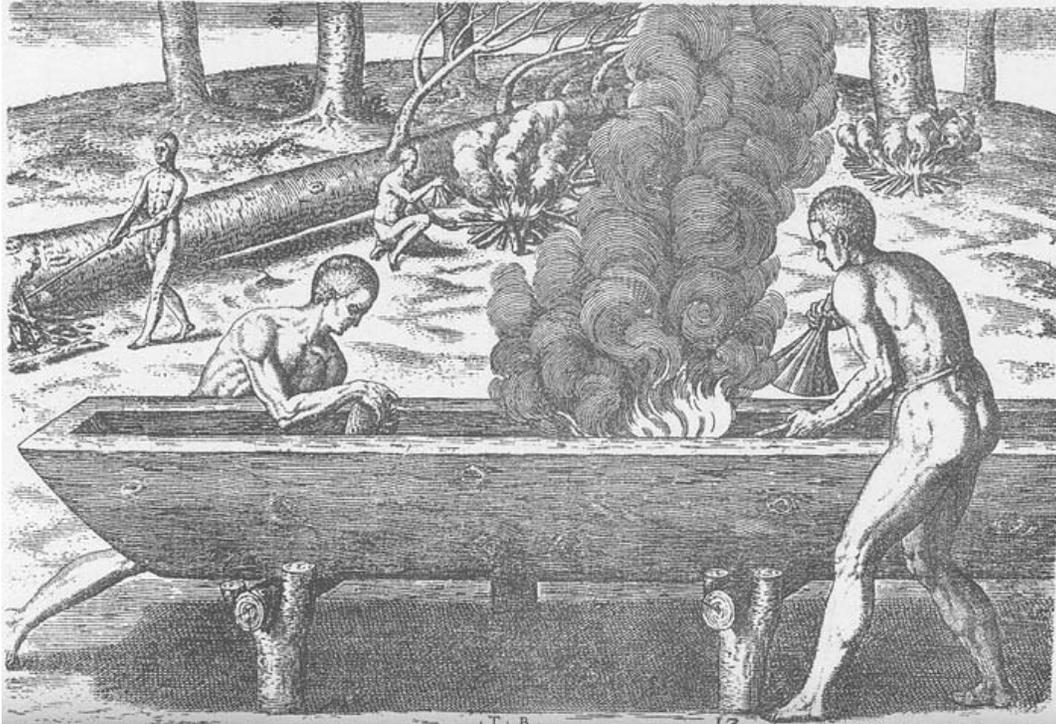


IX. An aged man in his winter garment.



THE aged men of Pommeioocke are covered with a large skin which is tied upon their shoulders on one side and hang down beneath their knees wearing their other arm naked out of the skin, that they maybe at more liberty. Those skins are Dressed with the hair on, and lined with other furred skins . The young men suffer no hair at all to grow upon their faces but as soon as they grow they put them away, but when they are come to years they suffer them to grow although to say truth they come up very thin. They also were their hair bound op behind , and, have a crest on their heads like the others. The country about this place is so fruit full and good, that England is not to be compared to it.

XII. The manner of making their boats.



The manner of making their boats in Virginia is very wonderful. For whereas they want Instruments of iron, or other like unto ours, yet they know how to make them as handsomely, to sail with where they list in their Rivers, and to fish withal, as ours. First they choose some long, and thick tree, according to the bines of the boat which they would frame, and make a fire on the grown about the Root thereof, kindling the same by little, and little with dry moss of trees, and chips of wood that the flame should not mount up to high, and burn to much of the length of the tree. When it is almost burnt thorough, and ready to fall they make a new fire, which they suffer to burn until the tree fall of its own accord. Then burning of the top, and boughs of the tree in such wise that the body of the same may retain his just length, they raise it upon pots laid over cross wise upon forked posts, at such a reasonable heights as they may handsomely work upon it. Then take they of the bark with certain shells: they reserve the innermost parte of the [unclear: lennke] , for the nethermost parte of the boat. On the other side they make a fire according to the length of the body of the tree, saving at both the ends. That which they think is sufficiently burned they quench and scrape away with shells, and making a new fire they burn it again, and so they continue sometimes burning and sometimes scraping, until the boat have sufficient bottoms. Thus God endue these savage people with sufficient reason to make things necessary to serve their turns.

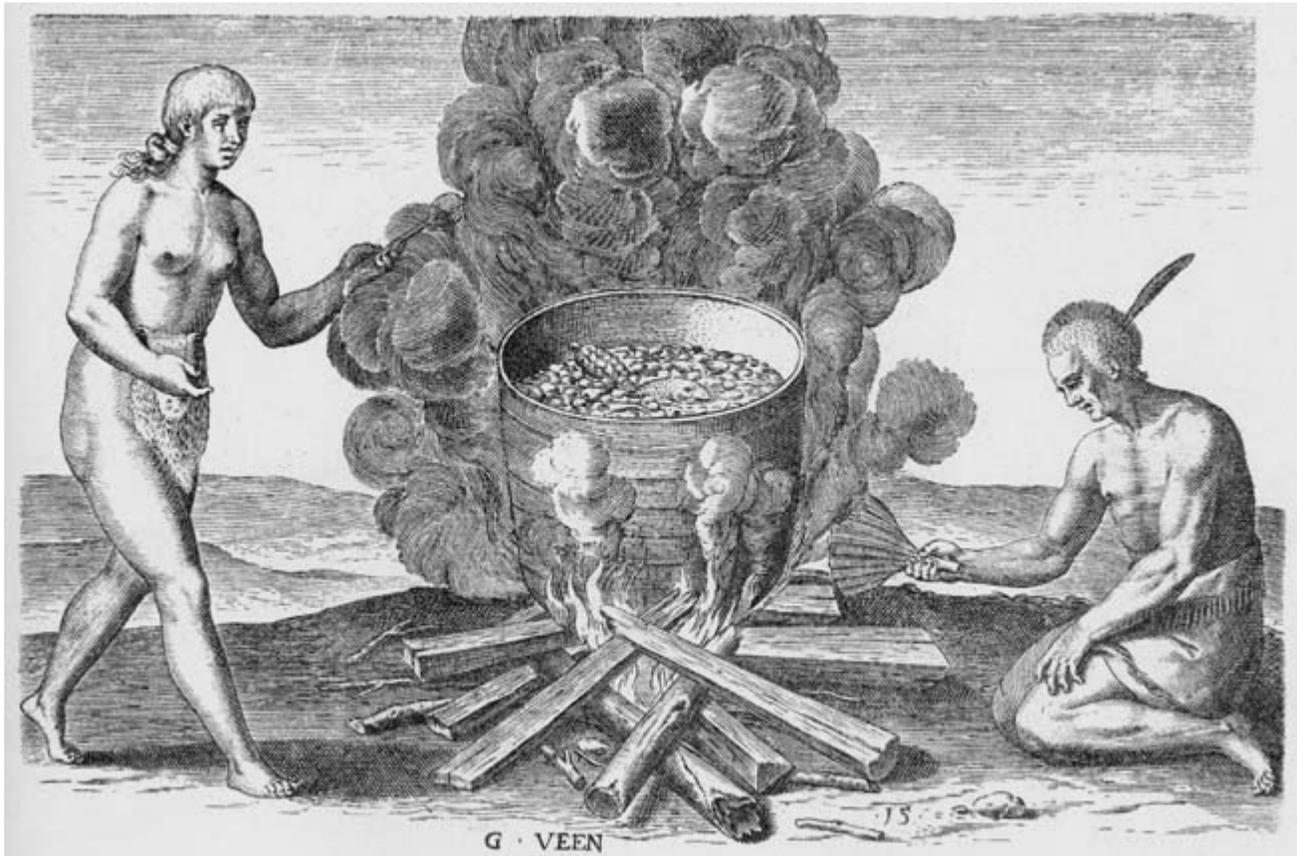
XIII. Their manner of fishing in Virginia.



They have likewise a notable way to catch fish in their Rivers, for whereas they lack both iron, and steel, they fasten to their reeds or long rods, the hollow tail of a certain fish like to a sea crab instead of a point, wherewith by night or day they strike fish, and take them up into their boats. They also know how to use the prickles, and pricks of other fish. They also make weirs, with setting up reeds or twigs in the water, which they so plant one within another, that they grow still narrower, and narrower, as appears by this figure. There was never seen among us so cunning a way to take fish withal, whereof sundry sorts as they found in their Rivers unlike in ours, which are also of a very good taste. Doubtless it is a pleasant sight to see the people, sometimes wading, and going sometimes sailing in those Rivers, which are shallow and not deep, free from all care of heaping up riches for their posterity, content with their state, and living friendly together of those things which god of his bounty has given to them, yet without giving him any thanks according to his desert.

So savage is this people, and deprived of the true knowledge of god, For they have none other than is mentioned before in this work .

XV. Their seething⁵ of their meat in earthen pots.



Heir women know how to make earthen vessels with special cunning and that so large and fine, that our potters with their wheels can make no better: and then remove them from place to place as easily as we can do our brass kettles. After they have set them upon a heap of earth to stay them from falling, they put wood under which being kindled one of them takes great care that the fire burn equally round about. They or their women fill the vessel with water, and then put therein fruit, flesh, and fish, and let all boil together like a gallimaufry [hodgepodge], which the Spaniards call olla podrida [burgoo]. Then they put it out into dishes, and set before the company, and then they make good cheer together. Yet are they moderate in their eating whereby they avoid sickness. I would to god we would follow their example. For we should be free from many kinds of diseases which we fall into by sumptous and unseasonable banquets, continually devising new sauces, and provocation of gluttony to satisfy our insatiable appetite.

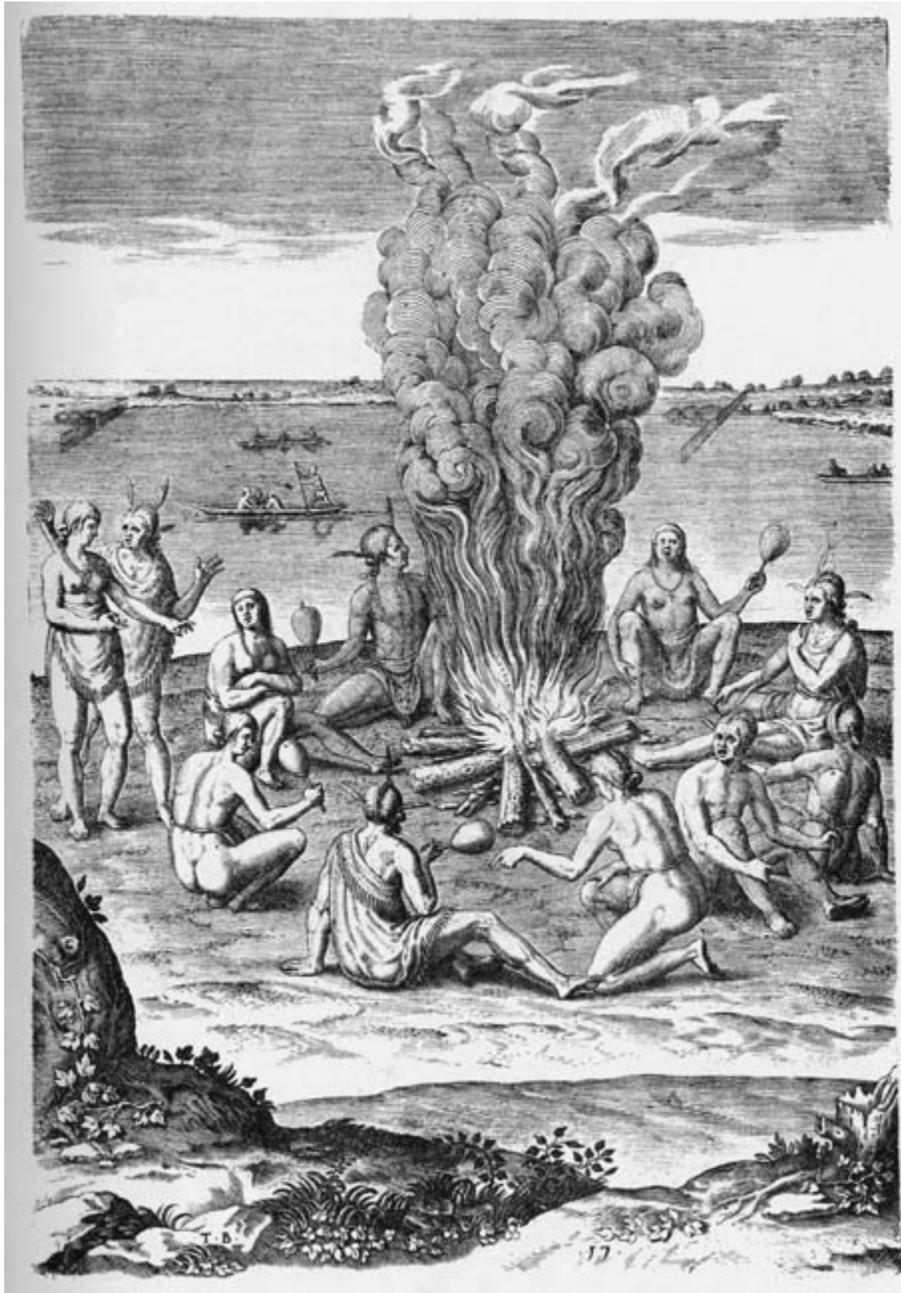
⁵ seething: vigorous boiling.

XVI. Their sitting at meat.



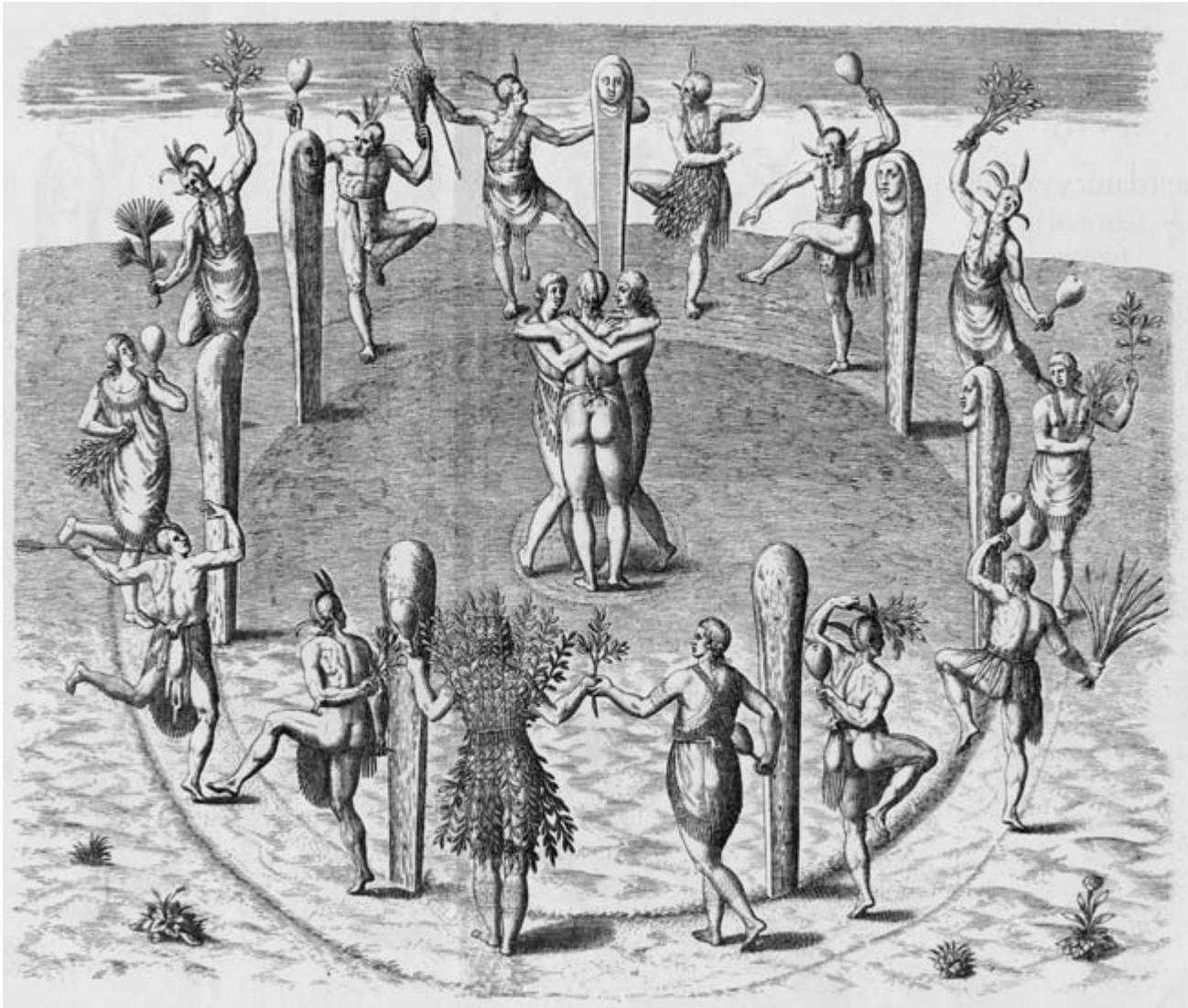
Heir manner of feeding is in this wise. They lay a mat made of bent [grass] on the ground and set their meat on the middle thereof, and then sit down Round, the men upon one side, and the women on the other. Their meat is Maize sodden, in such sort as I described it in the former treatise of very good taste, deer's flesh, or of some other beast, and fish. They are very sober in their eating, and drinking, and consequently very long lived because they do not oppress nature.

XVII. Their manner of praying with Rattles about the fire.



hen they have escaped any great danger by sea or land, or be returned from the war, in token of joy they make a great fire about which the men and women sit together, holding a certain fruit in their hands like unto a round pompion [pumpkin] or a gourd, which after they have taken out the fruits and the seeds then fill with small stones or certain big kernels to make the more noise, and fasten that upon a stick, and singing after their manner, they make merry: as myself observed and noted down at my being among them. For it is a strange custom, and worth the observation.

XVIII. Their dances which they use at their high feasts.



AT a Certain time of the year they make a great and solemn feast whereunto their neighbors of the towns adjoining repair from all parts, every man attired in the most strange fashion they can devise, having certain marks on the backs to declare of what place they be. The place where they meet is a broad plain, about which are planted in the ground certain posts carved with heads like the faces of Nuns covered with their veils. Then being set in order they dance, sing, and use the strangest gestures that they can possibly devise. Three of the fairest Virgins of the company are in the middle, which embracing one another do as it were turn about in their dancing. All this is done after the sun is set for avoiding of heat. When they are weary of dancing, they go out of the circle and come in until their dances be ended, and they go to make merry as is expressed in the 16th figure.

XIX. The Town of Pomeiocc.

