is not probable that they have ever speculated upon the origin of this right, nor could their minds comprehend any abstract reasoning upon the subject. They have customs, however, in some respects peculiar to themselves. Not only do the men own property distinct from their wives; but (which is a consequence following on polygamy) their wives own, each, her private effects, separate from her husband, as well as from the others.

He has his own blanket, she her mat, and baskets, and generally speaking, her earnings belong to her, except what arises from prostitution, which is her husband's. On the decease of a man, his property is immediately taken possession of by his relations and what is not destroyed or displayed at his grave is divided amongst them, his sons if grown up taking a part. His wives get nothing whatever, nor young children, but unless appropriated by the men, they return to their own people, taking the latter with them. Another custom in respect to property is, that the seller of a horse, slave or woman, guarantees life and safety for a time. If they escape or die, within perhaps a month or two, the purchaser can demand back the price. As a general thing they do not dispose of property before death. Instances happen of course, where they express the wish that individ-