They commence at a very early age, perhaps ten or twelve years. The practice of abortion is to be considered in this connection. This is almost universal, and is produced both by violence and by medicines. Certain plants are known to them which effect it, and it is generally believed by the whites, others which produce sterility at will. The ceremony of a wedding among the Chinooks is thus described by Rose Cox, and is much more correct than most of his remarks upon Indian manners. "The negotiations preceding a marriage are short and the ceremony itself simple. When a young man has made his choice, he commissions his parents or other relations, to open the business to the girl's relations. They are to receive a certain quantity of presents: and when these are agreed on, they all repair to the house intended for the future residence of the young couple, to which nearly all the inhabitants of the village are invited. The presents which consist of slaves, canoes, beads, kettles, haiqua, brass and copper bracelets &c, are now distributed by the young man, who in his turn receives an equal or perhaps greater quantity, from the girl's relations. The bride, decorated with the various ornaments common among the tribe, is then led forth, by a few old women, and presented to the bridegroom. He receives her