either side to assist the operation by driving away the spirit of the decease. Their paddles were placed before them and each was provided with a short stick a small fire of bark was kept up at either end of the hut and a pan of water was placed by the side of the practitioner. When every thing was ready he commenced with a short jabber, the others striking up a chant in which I could recognize no particular words, and keeping time by beating with their sticks on the paddles, Dipping his hands into the water and blowing upon them, he stooped over the woman whose chest was uncovered, and commenced sucking the spot where I presume the pain was seated, his whole frame heaving as if with the violence of his exertions. after a few moments he placed his hands to his mouth, spat into them and clenching his fists squeezed out the saliva into the pan, jabbering and gesticulating, occasionally holding up his fists joined together, with one thumb upward, that the rest might see he had brought away part of the decease. Then he again washed his hands in the pan, motioned for a while as if hauling some-thing from the woman, and blowing upon his fists recommenced sucking, at times he threw his hands upwards as if casting the decease into the air, using many contortions, joining occasionally in the chant, singing solus for a few moments, or talking to the others, apparently explaining the progress of his operations