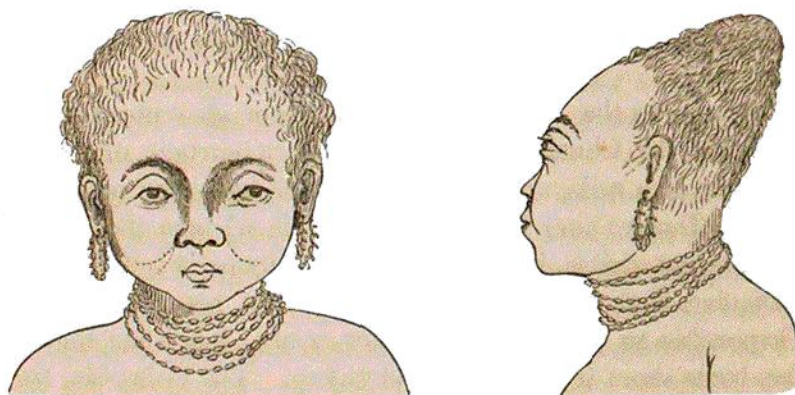


the country, it is very hot when there is no wind. Mr. Drayton had no thermometer, and therefore was unable to ascertain the exact degree of heat, but any metallic substance exposed to the sun for a short time could not be grasped in the hand without pain, and the men were almost exhausted with the heat.

There are a number of villages in this neighbourhood, and among them Wisham, mentioned in Irving's *Astoria*. This is situated on the left bank of the river, and its proper name is Niculuita; Wisham being the name of the old chief, long since dead. There are now in this village about forty good lodges, built of split boards, with a roof of cedar bark, as before described. The Indians that live here seem much superior to those of the other villages; they number four hundred regular inhabitants, who live, like the rest, upon salmon; but they appeared to have more comforts about them than any we had yet seen.

At Niculuita Mr. Drayton obtained a drawing of a child's head that had just been released from its bandages, in order to secure its flattened head. Both the parents showed great delight at the success they had met with in effecting this distortion. The wood-cuts give a correct idea of the child's appearance.



FRONT VIEW.

SIDE VIEW.

There were from fifty to one hundred Indians constantly following the brigade, and aiding the men. The price for half an hour's service was generally two leaves of tobacco, which was sought after with great eagerness. These Indians paint their faces with red and yellow clay. Their women seemed to be of more consequence than is usual among savages, and some of them even took command over the men.

At John Day's river great quantities of salmon are taken, and there are, in consequence, many temporary lodges here. Notwithstanding