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Yenangkee paid us a visit. Toot informed us, that his Brother Kooookoo wished him to be tattooed. We told him that it was a very foolish and ridiculous custom; and, as he had seen so much of civilized life, he should now lay aside the barbarous customs, of his country, and adopt those of civilized nations. Toot replied, that he wished to do so himself; but his brother urged him to be tattooed, as otherwise he could not support his rank and character as a Gentleman among his country-men, and they would consider him timid and effeminate. However, he promised that he would not be tattooed, unless compelled by his friends.

In time of war, great honour is paid to the head of a warrior, when killed in battle, if he is properly tattooed. His head is taken to the conqueror, and