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When the bodies are dressed, the Suckees take each a piece of the flesh, in a small basket, which they hang on two sticks stuck into the ground, as food for their Gods, (to whom they are going to offer up their prayers, & whom they are about to consult relative to the present contest,) in order that their Gods may partake first of the sacrifices.

While these services are performing, all the Chiefs sit, in profound silence, in a circle, around the bodies, with their faces covered with their hands or mats, as they are not permitted to look on these mysteries; while they, the Suckees are praying, and picking small pieces of flesh from their sacrifices which they eat at the same time. These consecrated bodies are only to be eaten by the Suckees.