



### A NOBLEWOMAN OF POMEIOCK

**A**BOUT twenty miles from Roanoke, near the Lake of Paquippe, is another town called Pomeiock, close to the sea. The chief ladies of that town dress very much like the women of Roanoke. Their hair is worn in a knot, and their skin is pumiced. Around their necks they wear a chain of large pearls or copper beads or smooth bones five or six strands deep. This gives support to one of their arms. In the other hand they usually carry a gourd full of some pleasant drink. Their clothing is a deerskin, tied double and folded high under their breasts, reaching almost to their knees in front, while their backs are almost naked.

They are very often accompanied by their young daughters. These little girls of seven or eight years wear girdles of skin, padded with moss, which pass between their legs. But as soon as they reach the age of ten, they dress in deerskins just as the older ones do. When we gave them the puppets and dolls that we had brought from England, they were highly delighted.