

### **The Women of Labrador**

Were the females of Labrador accustomed to no other labor than the mere cooking of food for their families, they would have a large portion of their time to spend in idle employments. But they engage in the hard and laborious toils of fishing with as much zeal and activity as the males. When the salmon and trout fishing commences, the women and children employ themselves assiduously in the sport, and are often out night and day while the season of this fishery lasts. At the fish stands, while the cod fishery is in the full tide of operation, the women are seen among the most constant and dextrous in dressing the fish, thrown up by the fishermen. Some of these females will dress two or three thousand fish in a single day.....

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Ephraim W. Tucker, *Five Months in Labrador and Newfoundland: During the Summer of 1838* (Concord: 1839), 119–120.