

SUPERSTITIONS AND LEGENDS

Of St. John River Indians. — Pow-wows, Legends of the Teddon, Gulloua, etc. (No. 12.)

At the time of Gyle's captivity although the influence of the French Missionaries was very great among the Maliseets of the St. river, yet they were by no means freed from many of their heathen superstitions. Their pow-wows were still furtively held. Their manner of invoking the devil for success in hunting as described by Gyles was very curious. A dark night having been chosen—the darker the better, their first proceeding was to build a huge fire in which many good sized stones were heated to an intense degree, then laying these in a heap, a small wigwam covered with skins and mats was built about them. Two of the pow-wows went into this hot house with a large vessel of water, which at times they poured on those hot rocks, which raised a thick steam so that a third Indian was obliged to stand without and lift up a mat to give it vent occasionally when they were almost suffocated.

"There was an old squaw," says Gyles, "who was kind to captives and never joined in the pow-wowing, to whom I manifested an earnest desire to see their management of it. She told me that if they knew of my being there they would kill me; that when she was a girl she had known a young person to be taken away by a hairy man and therefore she would not advise me to go. I told her I was not afraid of the hairy man, nor could he hurt me if she would not discover me to the pow-wows. At length she promised me she would not, but charged me to be careful of myself. I went within three or four feet of the hot house, for it was very dark, and heard strange noises and yelling such as I never heard before. At times the Indian who tended without would lift up the mat and a steam would issue which looked like fire. I lay there two or three hours, but saw none of their hairy men or demons. And when I found they had finished their ceremony, I went to the wigwam and told the squaw what had passed. She was glad I had escaped without hurt, and never discovered what I had done."

The pow-wows on this occasion reported that they had very likely signs of success but no certain ones as at other times. In their subsequent hunting the party had pretty good luck.

Gyles relates another remarkable incident in this connection, "One afternoon," he says, "I was in a canoe with one of the pow-wows, the dog barked, and presently a moose passed by within a few rods of us, so close that the waves he made by wading rolled our canoe. The Indian shot at him but the moose took very little notice of it and went into the woods to the southward. The Indian said 'I will try if I can't bring you back for all your haste.' The evening following we built our two wigwams on a sandy point on the upper end of an island in the river northwest of where the moose went into the woods and here the Indian pow-wowed the greatest part of the night following."

Gyles apparently had not much faith in the power of these incantations but in this instance he was puzzled. They had encamped some little distance from the place where the moose had left the shore and struck into the woods and were moreover upon an island, but he says the morning after the pow-wowing they found the fresh track of a moose round their wigwams though they never afterwards saw or tasted of it. "I am of opinion," he says, "that the devil was permitted to humor those unhappy wretches sometimes in some things."

Among their mythological tales their is a rather pretty story which was current among the Indians the scene of which was laid near the white hills at the head of the Penobscot river called by the Indians the Teddon; doubtless these were the Katahdin mountains 5,285 feet in height the loftiest in all New England, mount Washington only excepted; their white peaks may be seen from the Northampton hills east of the St. John river at Woodstock. The story as told by Gyles is as follows:—

"There was among the Indians a family in which was a daughter accounted a finished beauty, so formed by nature and polished by art that they could not find for her a suitable husband. At length while this family were residing upon the head of the Penobscot river under the white hills this fine creature was missing and her parents could learn no tidings of her. After much time and pains spent and tears showered in quest of her, they saw her diverting herself with a beautiful youth whose hair like her own flowed down below his waist, gliding aside by side through the water, but they vanished upon their approach. This beautiful person, her companion, whom they imagined to be one of those kind spirits who inhabit the Teddon, they looked upon as their son-in-law; and according to their custom, they called upon him for moose, bear, or whatever creature they desired, and if they did but go to the water side and signify their desire, the animal would come swimming to them."

The Indians have always been prone to attach some superstition to any lofty mountain. Some years ago Mr. Edward Jack with a surveying party encamped near Mount

Porcupine in Charlotte county. One of the men named Smith who had been cruising for pine timber, in a spirit of mischief told Saugus, an Indian, he had seen an old man on the mountain twelve feet high with one eye who called to him "Where is Saugus? I want to eat him?" During the night Saugus was aroused by the hooting of an owl and came in great consternation to Mr. Jack to say that "Smith's old man was coming." Next morning Saugus was offered two dollars to go up the mountain for a knife Smith had left sticking in a spruce tree but could not be tempted to take such a dangerous journey.

Speaking of the Teddon, Gyles says, "I have heard an Indian say that he lived by the river at the foot of the mountain, the top of which he could see through the hole in his wigwam left for the smoke to pass out. He was tempted to travel to it, and accordingly set out on a summer morning and labored hard in ascending the hill all day, and the top seemed as distant at night as when he began his journey. He now concluded the spirits were there and never dared to make a second attempt. I have been credibly informed that several others have failed in like attempts. Once three young men climbed towards its summit three days and a half, at the end of which time they became strangely disordered with delirium, and when their imagination was clear and they could recollect where they were, they found themselves returned one day's journey. How they came to be thus transported, unless the genii of the place had conveyed them, they could not conjecture."

Another superstitious belief among the St. John river Indians and which appears to have been common to all uncivilized people was a belief in the existence of birds of enormous size. Gyles mentions among the stories related and believed by the Indians in his day, that of "a boy who was carried away by a large bird called a Gulloua, who buildeth his nest on a high rock or mountain. The boy was hunting with his bow and arrow at the foot of a rocky mountain when the Gulloua came diving through the air, grasped the boy in her talons, and although he was nine or ten years of age she soared aloft and laid him in her nest, food for her young. The boy lay still on his face, but observed two young birds in the nest with him having much fish and flesh to feed upon. The old one seeing they would not eat the boy took him up in her claws and returned him to the place from whence she took him. I have passed near the mountain in a canoe and the Indians have said, 'there is the nest of the great bird that carried away the boy.' Indeed there seemed to be a great number of sticks put together like a nest on the top of the mountain. At another time they said, 'there is the bird—but he is now as a boy to a giant to what he was in former days.' The bird which we saw was a large speckled one like an eagle, though somewhat larger."

It is of interest to note here that there is a branch of the Nashwalk about ten miles above Marysville called the Cleuristec of which Mr. E. Jack says the real Indian name is *Kull-sis-sec* meaning the Kulloo's nest, and that the Indians say there was once a great eagle the "Kulloo" (or *Gulloua* as Gyles calls it) which had its nest on the high rock near the mouth of the stream.

Still another story told by Gyles was current among the Indians which to the little savages at Meductic must have possessed all the charm of a fairy tale:—

"A young Indian in his hunting was belated and losing his way was on a sudden introduced to a large wigwam full of dried eels, which proved to be a beaver's house, in which he lived to the spring of the year, when he was turned out of the house and being set upon a beavers' dam went home and related the affair to his friends."

Doubtless the picture of a winter passed in such a comfortable habitation with such an unbounded store of "dried eels" was a very fascinating one in the eye of an Indian boy or girl. *Chaoun a son gout.*

W. O. RAYMOND.

Cricket in Australia.
A team of English cricketers is visiting Australia and is playing a series of matches there. The team is captained by Mr. W. E. Stoddard, who headed the batting averages in 1893. In a match against South Australia the Englishmen made 476 in their first innings of which Brown made 115 and all but two of the team made heavy double figures, and these two, strangely enough, duck eggs. In their second innings they only scored 133. South Australia made 385 in the first innings, one man Darling contributing 117, and all the others making double figures but one who added an 0 to the score. In the second innings South Australia made 226 for four wickets, thus beating their visitors by six wickets.

The lady of the house: Why don't you go to work? Don't you know that a rolling stone gathers no moss? Browning, the tramp; Madam, not to evade your question at all, but merely to obtain information, may I ask of what practical utility moss is to a man in my condition?

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Manchester Ship Canal.
Manchester ship canal is thought by the Times to be both a financial and a commercial failure. It has been open eleven months. Its business shows no signs of increase since the beginning, but of late diminishes rapidly. If there were paying business to do there is not sufficient dock equipment. The gross receipts of the canal for a year will be less than \$400,000, less than is needed to pay interest on the first debentures. The debt is \$25,000,000. The corporation of Manchester has found this great sum, and must find more if the undertaking is not to come to a standstill. Five millions are urgently wanted. If they are found the yearly liabilities of the company will be \$2,500,000, with a revenue of less than half a million. Whichever way it is looked at, the prospect before Manchester is as black as its atmosphere.

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12.30 P. M.—MIXED—Week days: For Fredericton, &c., via Gibson Branch.
1.05 P. M.—EXPRESS—Week days: For Presque Isle, Edmundston, and all points North.
2.40 P. M.—MIXED—Week days: For Vanceboro, Montreal, etc.
8.00 P. M.—MIXED—Week days: For Houlton, McAdam Junction, St. Stephen, St. John, Bangor, Boston, &c.
ARRIVALS.
6.15 A. M.—MIXED—Except Monday, from St. John, St. Stephen, Vanceboro, Bangor, etc.
10.56 A. M.—MIXED—Week days: From Fredericton, etc., via Gibson Branch.
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