

that they were made by some person who must have passed along there that very morning, early as it was.

As the trail of this stranger, whoever he could be, was in the direction of the traps which Oowikapun wished to visit, he followed them up, and when he reached his traps found a mink had been caught in one of them. But the stranger had taken it out and hung it up in plain sight above the trap on the branch of a tree. Then the stranger, putting on fresh bait, had reset the trap.

Of course, Oowikapun was pleased with this, and delighted that the stranger had acted so honestly and kindly toward him.

Fastening the mink in his belt, he hurried on to his camp as fast as he could under his heavy load; for his wounded arm had begun to swell, and was causing him intense pain. His stoical Indian nature would have caused him to bear the pain with indifference; but when he remembered how the wolf, maddened by his capture, had wrought himself up into such a frenzy, and that his mouth was foaming with madness when he made that last desperate spring and succeeded in fastening his fangs in his arm, he feared that perhaps some of that froth might have gotten into his blood. He understood that unless some remedies were quickly obtained, madness might come to him, to be followed by a death most dreadful.

But what could he do? He was several days' journey from his own village, and many miles from any hunter of his acquaintance. He had, in his vanity, come alone on this hunting expedition, and now, alone in the woods, far away from his friends, here he is in his hunting lodge, a dangerously wounded man.

Fortunately, he had taken the precaution of sucking as many of the wounds as he could reach with his mouth, and then had bound a deer-skin thong on his arm above the wounds as tightly as he could draw it. While brooding over his misfortune, he suddenly remembered about the snowshoe tracks of the stranger. He resolved to try and find his lodge and secure help. To decide was to immediately act. The few preparations necessary were soon made, and so taking the most direct route to the spot where