

would hunt and look around for game, having only bows and arrows.

When they came home in the evening, they would sometimes bring with them spruce partridge and other kinds of partridge. Their mother used to bring home partridges also, but she had no bow or arrows, and the men wondered how she did it, because she often brought home as many as ten birds. They could not understand how she was able to do better than they, so they asked her, "What did you do it with?" They never went with their mother to where she had her snares, but they were continually asking her how she caught the partridges. She answered, "I cut a pole, put a string there on the end, and catch them by the neck, since I have no bow." But they didn't believe her, as they often saw arrow wounds in the partridges' breasts. They looked at these wounds and said, "Somebody must have shot them for you. Was it not the Iroquois?" "No," answered the mother, "I caught them with a pole snare and poked them with a stick in order to bloat them with blood, so they will make more bouillon." But still they didn't believe her and they said to each other, "Mother doesn't like to tell us. Some Iroquois, I guess, are going to kill us. We'll fool our mother and these Iroquois. When we go to bed, we'll sleep with our baby."

So that night they said to their mother, "We want to sleep with our brother the baby, on his side of the wigwam." They dried their moccasins, put them on, and also put on rabbit skin blankets, for they were preparing to run out during the night. They had discovered a place the day before where trees had fallen down and snow had covered them, thus making a tunnel. So that night they rolled their little brother up in a blanket and left early in the night, unknown to their mother. When they left, the Iroquois were getting closer. The mother awoke and cried out, "*Madja'wak* they are going!" She did this to help the Iroquois find them. The Iroquois followed them on snowshoes, but the sons made a great number of branch trails in order to deceive them.

The three finally reached their windfall tunnel and there they stayed and waited for the Iroquois. At daylight the Iroquois took up the trail and followed until they finally reached them.