

of the man so near seemed to fill him with fury, and, unable to escape, he made the most desperate efforts to reach him. His appearance was demoniacal, and his howls and snarls would have terrified any one except an experienced, cool-headed hunter.

Oowikapun, seeing what an ugly customer he had to deal with, very cautiously kept just beyond the limits of the fearful plunges which the chain would allow the wolf to make, and keenly watched for an opportunity to strike him on the head. So wary and quick was the wolf that some blows received only more maddened without disabling him.

Oowikapun at length becoming annoyed that he should have any difficulty in killing an entrapped wolf, resolved to end the conflict at once with a decisive blow. So with upraised axe he placed himself as near as he thought safe, and waited for the infuriated brute to spring at him. But so much force did the entrapped animal put into that spring that it carried the log attached to the chain along with him. His sharp, glittering, fang-like teeth snapped together within a few inches of Oowikapun's throat; and such was the force of the collision that the Indian was hurled backwards, and ere he could assume the aggressive, the sharp teeth of the wolf had seized his left arm, which he threw up for defence. They seemed to cut down to the very bone, causing intense pain. But Oowikapun was a brave and cool-headed man, and a few blows from the keen edge of the axe in his right hand soon finished a foe whose only weapons were his sharp teeth. He was soon lying dead in the snow; but his beautiful skin was almost worthless as a robe on account of the many gashes it had received, much to the annoyance of Oowikapun, who had not dreamed of having a battle so severe.

The traps were soon reset, and Oowikapun, with the heavy wolf on his back, set out for his camp. As he had set some smaller traps for minks and martens in a different direction, he turned aside to visit them. This would cause him to return to his camp by another trail. While moving along under his heavy load, he was surprised to come across the snowshoe tracks of another hunter. He examined them carefully, and decided