

## CANADIAN FOLK LORE.

If one mends a garment while wearing it, every stitch taken represents an enemy which will be made.

If the thread knots while sewing, the sewer will live to see the garment worn out.

If a person's two front teeth are wide enough apart to place a quarter of a dollar between, he will be rich.

If one's hair grows with two "crown" formations, or whirls on the back of the head, he will live in two kingdoms.

While peacock feathers are kept in the house sickness will never be out of it.

"If you stub your toe  
You'll meet your bean,"  
is a school girl's jingle.

More maiden's lore is : If a pen drops and sticks in the floor, the owner's lover lives in the direction toward which it inclines.

If a maid peels an apple and throws the unbroken peeling over her left shoulder it will fall in the form of one of her future lover's initials.

If a girl places two apple seeds side by side on the hot stove, naming them after herself and her lover, the conduct of the seeds will indicate the behavior of the interested parties. If they approach one another "the course of true love will run smooth." If, on the contrary, one leaves the other, that one will prove faithless.

When sleeping in a strange bed a girl should have each post named after an eligible young man. The post she first sees on awakening will bear the name of her future husband.

Among weather signs may be mentioned :

"A cock's crow at night is the sailor's delight ;  
A cock's crow at morning is the sailor's warning."

If enough blue sky can be seen during a rain to "make a Dutchman a pair of pants," the rain will cease.

If the sun goes down behind a bank of clouds on Friday, it will rain on Sunday.

A ring around the moon indicates a storm which will last as many days as there are stars inclosed by the circle.

A storm is near if smoke hangs to the ground.

If sounds, such as the noise of a train or whistle, carry a phenomenally long distance, a rain is near. This, of course, is due to the moisture of the atmosphere.

Gulls flying over dry land is a sign of rain.

If the sun rises clear and afterward goes under a cloud, it will rain before night.

If a pea-hen calls, a donkey brays, pigs carry straw, geese flap their wings, a pot boils dry, or the clouds move north, it will rain.

Do not accept a present of any article that will cut, as scissors or knife, for it will cut friendship. If, however, you give a cent or any trifle in return, you may safely take it.

If a girl's skirt or apron comes off she will lose her lover.

If her hairpin sticks out, but does not fall, she will have a disappointment ; if it falls, her lover thinks of her.

If a silver coin or a fresh-laid egg is placed in the hand of a new-born babe, long life and prosperity will be assured to it.

If the blue vein on the bridge of an infant's nose is prominent, it will die a violent death.

Three threads of silk should be tied around a child's neck and knotted over the bronchial tubes to prevent bronchitis.

If a wedding ring is rubbed on a sty, the sty will disappear.

If a maiden passes a piece of wedding cake three times through a wedding ring and then sleeps with it under her pillow she will dream of her future husband.

A spider on one of your garments signifies that you will soon have a new one of the same sort.

A bird tapping at the window is a sign of death.

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It was the first time Stewart had seen any very small chickens, and he did not understand that the smooth patches on the sides were wings. When one of the chicks tried to spread his wings, Stewart cried : "See ! he's opening his pockets, and there isn't anything in them."

Tommie—Auntie, mamma bought me a pair of gloves to-day. Auntie—Did she, Tommie ? What are they, kids ? Tommie—No, indeed ; they're men's.