

with the Indians. He was several years older than his little sister, and having lived four years with savages, had become almost as disagreeable in manners and appearance as they were. Little Frances would not call him brother nor go near him, for she felt a great aversion towards the Indians.

Not long after Frances had seen and talked to the French priest, a trusty servant arrived who had been sent by Monsieur de Sainte Auge with a sum of money to redeem his little adopted daughter; and to her great delight she was once more restored to her happy home in Montreal. She was now watched with very great care, for Madame de Sainte Auge was in constant dread either that the Indians should kidnap the child and sell her for a slave where she would never again hear of her, or that her own parents would take effectual means of reclaiming their lost child. She was rarely out of her mamma's sight by day, and at night slept so near to her that she could hear if any thing disturbed her.

One morning when Monsieur de Sainte Auge, his wife, and several of the servants were at mass, little Frances, or rather Eleonore, as she was then called, was sent to a large room at the top of the house to play with another little girl, and the nurse who attended them was strictly charged on no account to allow them to show themselves at the lower windows. The children, however, became weary of the confinement to one room, and the servant out of foolish indulgence allowed them to run all over the house. Little Eleonore had placed herself at the drawing-room window, and was eagerly watching the sleighs as they flew past, and listening with delight to the merry gingle of the brass bells with which the curly-coated Canadian horses were decked. But on a sudden she jumped off the chair on which she stood, ran to the top of the house as fast as she could, regained her great empty room, and locked herself in. Here she remained till the voice of her mother assured her that she was in safety. When questioned as to the cause of this sudden fright, she told Madame de Sainte Auge, that she had recognised