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### LEGENDS OF THE EARLY SETTLEMENTS.

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DE SOULIS,  
THE RUNNER OF THE WOODS.

PART II.

In the conclusion of the first part we left De Soulis in the hands of the war-chief and his followers, who speedily contrived a couch whereon to convey him to the upper part of the island, made of the interwoven stems of the alder, but he found himself so far recovered as to be enabled to stand and walk, and refused their proffered assistance. The young warrior, Mascawa, had come down with the others, and he bore on his countenance such evident marks of contempt and derision, at the ridiculous position in which the Frenchman had been placed through his want of skill or vigor, as easily to excite the attention of De Soulis, and induce him to exert himself to the utmost, to show his rival how little he had been inconvenienced by his late mishap.

"Is Nita wounded or disabled, that he must be carried on the shoulders of his friends?" he exclaimed, in an indignant tone.

"No—he is only chilled by the water, and will warm himself by a walk to the head of the island,"—while at the same time his limbs trembled under him, and he still continued under the influence of a deadly sickness.

"Not yet, not yet—my brother-in-law will repose himself before he sets out,—the war-chief and Ominee will remain with him," said the chief, perceiving his weakness, and leading him to a bank, whereon he at once gladly reclined. Ominee had retired to another part of the island, on the approach of her