

quest, and the slave said, "I will help you to recover your wife. Watch until he sends me for water. When I return, I shall feign to stumble, and pour the water into the fire. Then jump for your wife, and make your escape." The man followed the slave's advice. The latter poured the water into the fire, and then the man and his wife escaped. When the killer was aware that they were gone he commanded the crane to kill him. He, however, intentionally missed him. The man and his wife arrived at the rope. They pulled it, and his friends hauled it in. They returned home at once. In vain the killer pursued them. They had a long start, and reached home safely.

II.—THE ORIGIN OF DAYLIGHT.

A long time ago there was no daylight, for the gull kept it in a small box which he watched jealously. His cousin, the raven, however, was anxious to obtain the daylight. One day when walking with the gull he thought: "Oh, I wish the gull would run a thorn into his foot!" As soon as he had thought so the gull cried with pain, having stepped upon a sharp thorn. The raven said: "Let me see, I will take out the thorn." He was, however, unable to see it, as it was dark, and so he asked the gull to open the lid of the box and to make it light. The gull opened the box very little, so that a faint ray of light came out of it. The raven pretended not to be able to see the thorn, and, instead of pulling it out, pushed it deeper and deeper into the gull's foot, saying: "You must give me more light." The gull cried: *Sqenā'n, sqenā'n!* (my foot, my foot!) and at last opened the box. Thus the day light was set free, and since that time we have had day and night.