

He taught all the arts,—even hunting, and fishing, and weaving,
The planting of pumpkins, *echkooak*, with corn, *peaskumun*,
As people still plant them to-day, for they love one another. [married.
He taught, too, how homes should be made, though he never was

For he was a demi-god ; his was a love above mortals ;
He loved all the tribe ; and might not tie down his affections
To any fair maiden on earth,—he is married in *Wasoak*,
The home of the faithful, that glows with the glories of sunset.

Sage *Noogumich*¹⁰ ordered his wigwam, assisted by Marten,
Called *Uhkeen*¹² in deference, not his cognomen *Abistanooch*.¹³
These followed their lord when he sojourned in *Ajaaligunuk*,¹⁴
Or when he dwelt high in his home on the brow of old *Blomidon*.¹⁵

He shared of his best with the meanest that came to his wigwam :
He aided in myriad quests those who sought his assistance ;
Until the *booktaawik*¹⁶ was brought by the thunder-club traders,
Which dragged down the Micmacs till Glooscap could help them no longer.

He could not endure the deceit of the double-tongued trader ;
He grieved when his people went down like the trees of the forest
Before the debauchery and greed of the unscrupulous pale-face,
Who laid on him impious hands,¹⁷ as the heathen on Samson.

spikes,—hence his name. In autumn he is turned toward the west, causing winter,
and again in Spring to the east, causing the other great change of the seasons
which fills the world with life and beautiful sunshine.

11 "Noogumich," used as a term of respect, as we use "aunt."

12 "Uhkeen," my younger brother.

13 "Abistanooch," marten.

14 "Ajaaligunuk," the island home of Glooscap where he dwelt when not at Blomidon; not identified; possibly Prince Edward Island.

15 "Blomidon," the promontory (500 feet high) where North Mountain ends abruptly in the Basin of Minas, famed in story.

16 "Booktaawik", fire-stuff, rum, spirits, (booktaao, fire.)

17 Tradition relates that French traders tried repeatedly to capture Glooscap, in order that they might exhibit him in France, as they had done with other prominent representatives of the Red race. After he had frustrated all their schemes, he sailed away in disgust toward the setting sun.