

## TRAITS OF INDIAN CHARACTER.

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The incidents here recorded are well authenticated and illustrate very fairly some of the characteristics of the aborigines of New Brunswick.

### INDIAN SAGACITY.

The following story found its way some years ago into the *Youth's Companion* :

Joshua Upham, of Massachusetts, was a prominent Loyalist, and, at the time of the Revolutionary war, a major in the mounted corps called the King's American Dragoons. After his arrival in New Brunswick he became one of the first judges of the Supreme Court.

On one occasion he was travelling through the woods in winter with an Indian for his guide. The snow was deep, and the Judge became at length so thoroughly exhausted that, sitting down, he directed the Indian to go on and get help, while he remained where he was. The Indian at first refused, but after much persuasion consented, on condition that the Judge should sit on a stump, which he pointed out, and if he fell off should immediately get on again. After some remonstrance the Judge promised to do as desired. He mounted the stump and the Indian disappeared. By and by the Judge fell asleep, and tumbled off the stump. He climbed up again, again fell asleep, and once more tumbled off. Then he understood why his Indian friend had made him promise to sit on the stump—namely, to prevent him from going to sleep and being frozen to death. When the Indian finally arrived with help, he found the Judge still sitting on the stump, but with great difficulty keeping awake. He owed the preservation of his life to the sagacity of the red man.

### INDIAN SUPERSTITION.

The late Edward Jack, of Fredericton, used to relate that while engaged in surveying, on one occasion he encamped with his party near Porcupine mountain in Charlotte county. One of the hands named Smith, climbed the mountain in quest of pine timber, and on his return told Saugus, an Indian, who was one of the party, that he had seen an old man on the mountain twelve feet high, with one eye, who called to him, "Where is Saugus? I want to eat him." The Indian was very badly scared at this intelligence. During the night an owl began to hoot over the camp, and filled poor Saugus with such