

was lots of it. They started off at once, and after some hours' travel they reached the woods, but they could find no trace of maple sugar. They wandered through the forest, and towards night they discovered that they had lost their way. Then they agreed to separate. Each one would go a different way, and when either one of them discovered the right path, he was to call to the other. Sable turned in one direction, and wandering through the trees for some time, he at length came to a large wigwam.

In the front of this wigwam a bright fire was burning, and over the fire hung a large kettle which was being stirred by a Snake. When the Snake saw Sable he said joyously : "I am so glad you have come because I am very hungry. I shall eat you in a few minutes, but in gratitude for your having come to me, I shall give you as little pain as possible. Go and find me a straight stick so that when I pierce you with it, it will not hurt you any more than is necessary."