

rope of the canoe and towing the light boat—which when empty, did not draw more than two inches of water—behind him. He directed Nelly to be most careful, as she walked, not to touch any of the bushes, which at times nearly met across the stream.

"A broken twig or withered leaf would be quite enough to tell the Indians that we came along this way," he said. "Where the bushes are thick you must manage to crawl under them; never mind about getting wet, you will soon dry again."

Slowly and cautiously they made their way up the stream for nearly a mile; it had for some distance been narrowing rapidly, being only fed by little rills from the surrounding swamp land. Harold had so far looked in vain for some spot where they could land without leaving marks of their feet. Presently they came to a place where a great tree had fallen across the stream.

"This will do, Nelly," Harold said. "Now, above all things, you must be careful not to break off any of the moss or bark; you had better take your shoes off, then I will lift you on to the trunk, and you can walk along it without leaving a mark."

It was hard work for Nelly to take off her drenched boots, but she managed at last. Harold lifted her on to the trunk, and said, "Walk along as far as you can, and get down as lightly as possible on to a firm piece of ground; it rises rapidly here, and is, I expect, a dry soil where the upper end of the tree lies."

"How are you going to get out, Harold?"

"I can swing myself up by that projecting root."

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