

you, and I shall kill all the ginaps in the camp." After taking the old man's life, he scalped him, placed the scalp in the bosom of his shirt, and started in search of the other two ginaps. He succeeded in finding them, killed them, and likewise carried off their scalps.

The next day the news of this affair had spread abroad, and the youth was given the nickname Wedjibogwet, which has the signification of "killed all the ginaps." They soon started in pursuit of him, but when he found that they were close upon his heels, he crawled under the snow beneath the crust, which he found in a place of some considerable depth. When his pursuers arrived in the neighbourhood of his place of concealment, they tramped all around, poked through the crust, and one even touched him, but he lay there perfectly motionless. But they knew that he could not have proceeded, because it was so stormy.

One of the Indians spoke in a loud voice and said, "Well, we have the mother, anyhow, and we shall put her on a spit at——" (a certain place, which he designated, on the Restigouche river).

When they had given up the search, the youth crept out from his place of concealment and started out for the camp of the Micmacs. He succeeded in getting there and soon found his uncles. The Micmacs did not know him, but they thought that he was one of the Mohawks. One of them wanted to kill him at once. But another interfered and said, "Don't kill him. We must treat him like a chief and first make a great feast."

Accordingly a feast was made. In the meantime he asked that his uncles be pointed out to him. Some women granted his request for this information and he then begged them to keep silent on the matter.¹ The feast was presently entered upon and the youth was made to dance. Then he asked permission to dance again and this request was granted him. As he danced, he pulled out first one scalp, laid it before one uncle, then a second scalp and laid it before a second uncle, and likewise with the third scalp. The uncles readily understood when they saw the scalps.² They made inquiries of the boy in regard to the whereabouts of the

¹ Probably they understood his uncles' names, although he spoke in Mohawk. He probably made signs for them to be silent.

² Recognized as Mohawk by the manner of wearing the hair, which was different from the Micmac manner.

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