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THE WITCH.

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THE NIGHT-TRAVELLERS.

It was an autumn night, dark and foggy.
A bark-canoe was being silently launched from the shore of Quebec, some paces from the part where the old church of the lower town rises.

On the sand of the shore, a man was standing, holding a dark lantern in his hand, whose luminous cone, directed towards the waves, threw a light on a canoe manned by four persons.