

He went out to the bush in the morning the same as usual, and about eleven o'clock he prayed for his baby (or babies) to be spared out of that fire. Near noon his wife came out to see what he was doing, when she came near she heard him saying in his prayer that his children would be spared. When he got up from his knees he saw his wife standing near by. She said to him, "What fire do you mean. You have said this in the morning and it gives me a lot of trouble thinking about the fire." He said to her, "You look at our house." She looked and saw the house on fire. She ran all her worth (might) to save the children, but when she got to the house it was too late, the house was all on fire. He came back to the house himself singing and praying. When he got to the house he saw his wife trying to go in the fire. He told her, "To keep away from the fire." After a while he walked a little way off, and saw his two children sitting on a little hill, but did not know who put them there. They were back inside the house when his wife left to see him in the bush. When his wife saw that the little ones were living she knelt down and prayed for the first time in her life, and they both claimed that it was God who put the children away when the house was on fire, for there were no people near by. This made this woman to be a Christian. They lost everything they had, but in a short time had lots of things given to them by other people.

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THE WHITE DOCTOR AND THE BIG BEAR.

*Told by John York.*

In the early days one time there was a white doctor living near a river. He liked hunting and one time he was out hunting small game. He had a little dog that started to bark at something. The doctor tried to take the little dog away, but the little dog would not go. The doctor was in his canoe and the dog was on the shore quite a long way from the river. The doctor got out and left his gun in the canoe, thinking it was only a porcupine. When he got to the big rock, very close by he saw a great big bear coming right towards him. The bear got so close that it touched the doctor's nose and looked at him for a long time. The doctor stepped back easy and the bear stood where he was till the doctor got close to his canoe and jumped in and pulled out. The doctor smelled a strong smell and when he looked he found that he had defecated in his clothes, and was so scared that he did not know it. This is a true story, for John York saw it happen when he was a young man. The doctor came from Lindsay, and the river was the Lindsay River (The Seugog). This story is given to show one phase of the Indian's humor at the expense of the white man, and has a certain scientific value.

No. 33.

THE BATTLE ON TORONTO BAY--WAR OF 1812.

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(Died in April, 1916, aged 97, at Rama Reserve.)

"My grandfather was one of the men who fought when the Americans came in and he told this story.

"There were a lot of them, and our side had very few men. Of course all the Indians wanted to fight before the fight took place. We got one of the American men (soldiers) that was killed and took him back to our camp, and our leader or