

her tribe of Elnadu's capture. When she arrived at Meductic, she met four warriors, two of whom were Elnadu's brothers. At once these men started to rescue Elnadu. While Elnadu was travelling along on the side of a hardwood ridge, his wife looked down and saw him. She did not know how to attract his attention, for she was out of wood and was too weak to call. So she pinched her child and caused it to cry. Elnadu heard the noise and stopped and listened, but the noise had ceased and he again started on. Again his wife pinched the child, and this time he distinguished it as the voice of a child, and, looking in the direction from which it came, he saw some smoke. He went immediately in that direction and found his wife and baby. Elnadu had a porcupine on his back which he had caught. He cooked it for his wife.

They remained there some time to give his wife an opportunity to regain her strength. Before she got strong, the four braves, accompanied by Elnadu's sister-in-law, arrived. They were very much surprised to see Elnadu and, since he had killed all of the enemy, they returned to their own village to feast and celebrate the victory.

(38). A Story Told to John Giles.¹

A digression. There is an old story told among Indians of a family who had a daughter that was accounted a finished beauty, having been adorned with the precious jewel, an Indian education! She was so formed by nature and polished by art that they could not find for her a suitable consort. At length, while this family were once residing at the head of Penobscot river, under the White hills, called Teddon, this fine creature was missing, and her parents could learn no tidings of her. After much time and pains spent, and tears showered in quest of her, they saw her diverting herself with a beautiful youth, whose hair, like her own, flowed down below his waist, swimming, washing, etc., in the water; but they vanished on their approach. This beautiful person, whom they imagined to be one of those kind spirits who inhabit the Teddon, they looked upon as their son-in-law, and, according to their custom, they called upon him for moose, bear, or

¹ Taken from "Memoirs of John Giles," 1689: p. 45.

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