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## An Old Indian Story

### Battle of Forks Prairie---Indian Version.

Long time ago the Quileute Indians use to have a war against the Makah Indians the Makah used to come over here to have a fight; one time, several of our canoes were strolling on the south side of James Island, fishing. The Makah Indians had hidden themselves and were watching the fishermen, till they went out quite a distance from the shore; the Makah then went after the fishermen and killed some of them, but most of our people escaped.

In some place above the river there were quite a number of Indian hunters; they had about two dozen of hunting dogs. One morning the women went to the prairie to get the roots of the fern which they used to eat; as soon as they started to dig the roots they saw some Indians and they knew they came over to have a fight. They just filled their basket with fern instead of the root and ran home and told their husbands that

they saw some unknown tribe.

The hunters made up their mind to get into one house; so they did, they dug a very deep hole on the inside of the house, by the door; now they began to sing their song, and dance. They danced from evening till morning. As soon as it began to get dark, one man was seen coming toward the house where they had their dance. Two men were standing by the door watching the men coming where they had their dancing, when the unknown stand by the door, the two hunters killed them, and so on doing that till the breaking of the day, they singing and dancing all night.

In the morning they used their dogs and chased the unknown tribe and killed nearly all of them. The next day they all came down to the river to Akolot (James Island).

[The above Indian Story was written by Thomas Black of the Quileute Day School for the American and is published without correction.]

“So your daughter made a brilliant marriage?”

“Not very,” answered Mr. Cumrox.

“Your son-in-law is of noble origin?”

“Yes. But I couldn't pronounce his name properly the first time I tried.”—  
Washington Star.