

## Indian Stories

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worth of things. These he gave away as a potlatch to the people whom he had invited. He was the richest man because he was the best whale hunter.

He used to catch a whale every time he went out whaling. He then sold all the whale oil he could get. So he earned lots of money. Also he was the best seal hunter.

And my Great-grandfather was a Indian Doctor. He used to Doctor sick people and save their lives. My grandfather told me this story. This is all. I do not have any story about the people of centuries ago.—BEATRICE PULLEN.

Once a long time ago, the Indians lived up the river. There they fished for salmon. When Summer was coming they went down to the mouth of the river. They used to have houses at the mouth of the river close the seashore.

Some people lived on James Island at that time. They used to fish for smelt. They did not use strings to make nets for smelt. They used the roots of the spruce tree for net material. The Indians did not have any clothes like we do now. Some of the Indians made coats out of rabbits' hides and some other fur animals, and quilts out of ducks' hides sewed together.—JOHN H. SAILTE.

I am going to write you a few lines of an old story of what the Indians were doing a long time ago. Long time ago the Indians lived on James Island. They used to fish on the other side of that Island. At that time the Makah Indians came to have a war against the Quileute tribes. In the morning the Quileute In-

dians went fishing and the Makah Indians hid themselves in some place on the south side of James Island and when the Indians were fishing the Makahs went after them to have a war. Some of the Quileute Indians escaped. When the war was over the Makah Indians went back to Neah Bay.—THOMPSON BLACK.

A very, very long time ago, nobody can tell how long ago, when the Quileute Indians were at James Island they used to hunt elk with their bows and arrows; some of them used spears. My father says he used a rifle when he hunted elk or deer.

Some of the old Indians used to be at the river fishing with their fishing traps. My father used to have one. Mr. Old Man Washington got one every year. He used to catch many hundred fish with this trap.

Mr. Old Man Mason said that the Indians of long ago used to have two or three wives. Mr. Mason was a great whale hunter when he was a young man.

I am only a boy so I can not tell many things about the Indians of many centuries ago.—JIM WARD.

When I was a little girl three years old I heard many Indian stories, but I can not tell so many old stories now. Once I heard that the Indians used to have four or five wives.

They also used to have a war with the Puget Sound Indians.

The Indians lived on James Island a long, long time ago. Nobody can tell what day and year it was when they lived there. Well, I bid you good-bye.—MAGGIE HOWEATTLE.