

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

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Myths of the Iroquois.

The United States Bureau of Ethnology has recently issued from Washington a volume called "Myths of the Iroquois?"

It is part of the Bureau's second annual report. The book is the work of Mrs. Erminnie A. Smith, the Indianologist, who is an attaché of the bureau.

Mrs. Smith is a resident of Jersey City. If the origin and history of the American aborigines is ever to be known at all, it must be done by gathering up their ancient folk-lore and traditions.

These are now fast fading. Contact with the white race for centuries has already well-nigh rubbed out what ever was essentially aboriginal among them.

This is now more clearly seen than in the book Mrs. Smith has prepared. She has been devoting herself to Indian studies for a number of years, learning meantime the language of the Six Nations.

She went among the Indians, spent months with them, and gathered with pains-taking care the material for this publication. It was her plan to go to one and another chief and medicine man and start him talking, interviewing him in the newspaper way.

She listened and noted down. Thus, one by one, their Indian superstitions, their ancient mythology, and the irradicable belief in witches that lay underneath their Christian theology were unfolded to her.

The result is unexpected in some ways. In the oldest Iroquois mythology she found no trace of a belief in Heaven, or in a separate spiritual world.

Earthquakes in England.

More than three hundred earthquakes have been recorded as having occurred in Great Britain. The direction in which the wave of disturbance has traveled has in every instance been found to be from southwest to northeast, and the region affected has usually had its greatest extension in the same direction.

It has been suggested that the center of disturbance thus indicated is the submarine region between the Azores, Teneriffe, and the Cape Verde Islands—a region which has been regarded as the principal source of the chief European earthquakes.

In the earthquake of 1081 a heavy belching, according to one chronicler, was heard throughout the length and breadth of England, and in like manner the accounts of the earthquake of 1082 indicate, with similar want of precision, most probably, a disturbance affecting the whole country.

A severe earthquake was felt in the western and midland parts of England in 1110. The valley of the river Trent must have been very violently shaken, for the river was dried up at Nottingham, and so remained, according to the chronicler, "from morning to the third hour of the day, inasmuch that menne walked drye-shodde" through its channel.

This earthquake was felt in the eastern counties, and apparently belonged to the same set of earthquakes as that which was felt so sharply last April in Essex. Matthew Paris tells us that in Ely, Norfolk and Suffolk this earthquake threw men to the ground and rang the bells.

It does not seem to have fully relieved the pent-up forces beneath the eastern counties, for only twenty years later there occurred an earthquake in which old Lincoln Cathedral was thrown down, and much destruction wrought in Lincolnshire and neighboring counties.

Two years later another violent earthquake was experienced in the eastern parts of England, and many strong buildings were thrown down. It seems likely that during the next ten or twenty years we may have similar evidence that a single earthquake is insufficient to relieve the eastern earthquake region of England.

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