

enemy by going ahead as far as the river. There he climbed a tree and waited. He aimed his gun at the spot where they were coming. Soon he heard the tramp of horses and it was not long before they came in sight. Red on Back, the leader, was being ridden by the enemy. He went down to the river to drink. Just as he was drinking the boy's uncle pulled the trigger. The enemy fell off the horse. The rest were so frightened they scattered in every direction. The horse turned back home followed by all the other horses.

The boy's uncle came down from the tree. He had not gone far when he met his fellow tribesmen. "I shot and killed one of the enemy. I saw him fall off the horse. Then I hurried back."

They headed the horses so they would run homeward. Then the people said, "Let's go see." They went to the water but the enemy was gone. They could see where he had fallen. They said, "He must have been stunned. That's why he fell off. Well, let's turn back." They went. As they came out of the woods on to the prairie they saw Red on Back way over on the side towards home.

This war narrative of the Coeur d'Alene is the only reference to the custom of seeking a vision. This religious custom also makes its way into *Thompson* mythology. Moreover the vision of the beautiful woman seen in the bright light, which shows white influence, is featured again in a *Ten'a myth*.

A boy goes out alone to seek supernatural power in a dream; he plants a stake to show his father where he has been; he closes up a lake so that whales no longer emerge there (*Thompson* MAM 12:269).

A chief out hunting enters a beautiful house where a supernatural woman of great beauty is revealed to him in a sudden burst of light; in a great illumination he sees the woman's mother; he becomes purified (he marries the woman, visits his home with his wife and disobeys her; she returns to her invisible house; he finally recovers her there) (*Ten'a* PAES 6:51).

In a *Kwakiwilt* myth Scab Boy sees a "brightness" at the place to which the Ducks are conducting him (CUCA 2:67).

43. *Two Women Overcome Nez Percé Man*

Two old women camping near Nez Percé country cook

One sees enemy peeping through door

Women pretend to fight, moving toward door

One throws hot mush in enemy's face and kills him

Two very old women went camping toward the Nez Percé country. They made a camp and cooked a gruel of roots. Just as it began to boil one of the women suddenly looked toward the doorway. She saw one of the enemy peeping in. "Don't look toward the door," she said to her friend. "We are being observed. Let us get angry at each other."

The other woman said in Nez Percé, "You're ugly!" "It is not true!" They stood up to fight, one of them with the pot of boiling mush under her arm. The enemy was on his hands and knees and had his mouth open. As the women, fighting each other, came close to the door, one threw the hot mush in the man's face. He ran, but afterwards they found him dead not far from the door.

44. *Woman Saved by Loose Saddle Cinch*

Women camp out during the serviceberry season

Girl dreams of enemy

Women attacked, one is captured and one killed

Captive's husband shot in leg

Coeur d'Alene man attacks like grizzly bear

Enemy escapes with woman

Woman escapes when saddle cinch becomes loose

Squirrel instructs her to hide under log

Enemy leaves and woman returns home

Long ago, many years before the white man came, the Coeur d'Alene had small settlements. About three families lived in each place. The people were always on the lookout for attacks by the enemy. The enemy would hide behind bushes and attack unexpectedly. One time the Kalispel surprised a group of people. It was the serviceberry season. Many women had gone to camp near Cataldo. Not far from there was a good serviceberry flat.

One night a girl dreamed that the enemy took them by surprise. In the morning she said to her mother, "I dreamed we were attacked. Let us go back." Her mother said, "No, I found berries over there and tomorrow we will go." The next day they all went to pick. The girl said to her mother, "You pick there. I will pick from the opposite side of the same bush."

Just as they were picking the enemy came galloping toward them. They ran and crawled into the long grass and all escaped but one woman. The enemy took the woman captive and said to her, "Where are your house and the horses?"

She pointed in the opposite direction thinking the enemy would travel far and thus tire. They rode over logs and stumps in the woods and