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A worthy Nipissirinien Christian, named Estienne Mangouch, some time ago told one of our Fathers that they have a custom among them, when a child dies, of throwing away its cradle; but that they had kept that of a little daughter of his who had died five years ago, after having received holy Baptism; and that the Savages used it in turn for their children because they found that those who were put in it did not die, and were in good health. We know not whether there is anything miraculous in this; but what we are positive of is, that this good Christian leads an irreproachable life, and that his Faith is unshakable and equal to any test, as is also that of his wife; they are the first two Christians of this Algonquin Church.