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Witchcraft

As far as I know the reason witchcraft disappeared was that the old people don't ever talk about it. It's the same with their medicine, the traditional Indian medicine. There are many different kinds of medicine and we don't know what they are good for these days. The only way to become a witch is to be a bad person.

Long ago they say two men went hunting. They went into the woods and they had gone a short ways when they found in the wetlands some snakes that had been fixed up and hanging. Underneath them was a bowl and blood was dripping into it. One of them said, "They say that blood is medicine. If someone hates you or makes you angry, you make a doll and put her hair in the blood. Then you take out this hair and where ever you please you pierce the doll and there you will damage the one that hates you. If you are able, you tell him for sure that he is the one who is a witch and he won't be able to do whatever he did."

This is what happened to my brother. Those wearing the false faces did it to him. One time you couldn't figure out how he was suffering. Then at night I just took down my revolver and I went to the house of this man who was doing it. I got there and I said, "We are both going to die over this if you don't fix what you did to my brother."

He was standing there just shaking because I had a gun. He said, "I will go there."

Then he got there at our house and after a short while he was walking around and this false face guy did something. Pretty quickly he got up but it killed him. It was too late. This man told some people and said that He-splits-pines got it done. I went to sell logs in Green Bay and I met up with this man. I took an ax and intended to chop him. So he repented and never wished me any evil again.