

THE IROQUOIS GOVERNMENT
The League of the Five Nations was dedicated to universal peace. Jealousy of outer groups, and the coming of Europeans prevented the fulfillment of this ideal, to defend themselves they became North America's most famous warriors.



CAPT. FROST (Osahinta)
600 IROQUOIS soldiers fought for the U.S. in the War of 1812



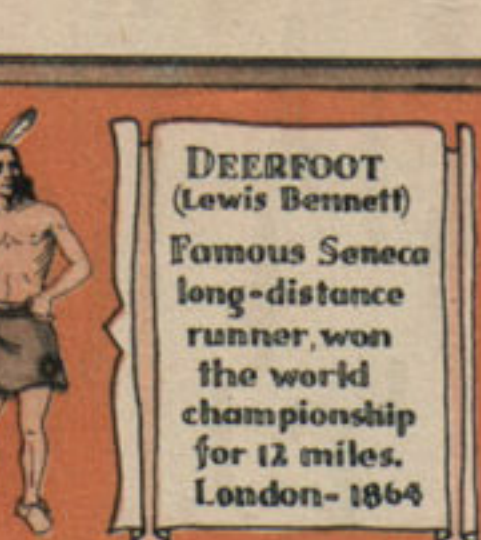
New York Indians have over twenty churches on six reservations. Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, and Episcopalians predominate.



HANDSOME LAKE (Ganondago)
Prophet of the 'New Religion' began preaching about 1800. Born at Canawaugus



IROQUOIS POTTERY JARS



DEERFOOT (Lewis Bennett)
Famous Seneca long-distance runner, won the world championship for 12 miles. London-1864

IROQUOIS CLAY and STONE PIPES



Mask of the DOORKEEPER of the FALSE FACE COMPANY



The FALSE FACE COMPANY still performs its healing ceremonies on Seneca and Onondaga reservations



A letter written by a Seneca settled the Civil War (1865) Gen. ELY PARKER (Onondagawa) Chief Sachem of the Six Nations

OUR DEBT TO THE IROQUOIS
The alliance of the Iroquois with the English in the colonial struggle, and their wars against New France saved this region for an English-speaking people. In the American Revolution, one-half clung to their British alliance, splitting their famous League

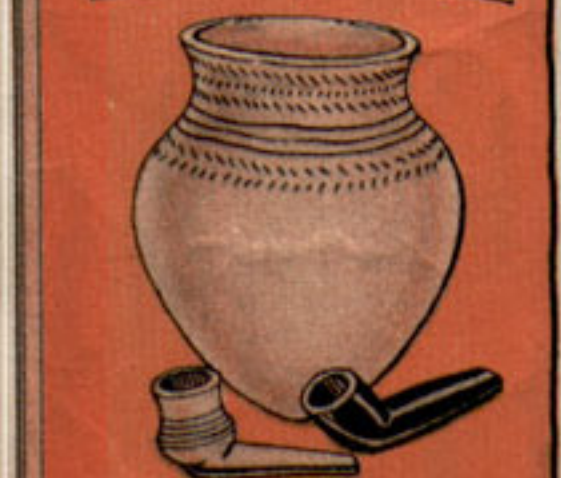
KOOHASSEN (Onaida)
Nearly one-half the IROQUOIS (Onaidas, Tuscaroras and subordinated tribes) assisted the Patriots in the Revolutionary War



IROQUOIS COMBS



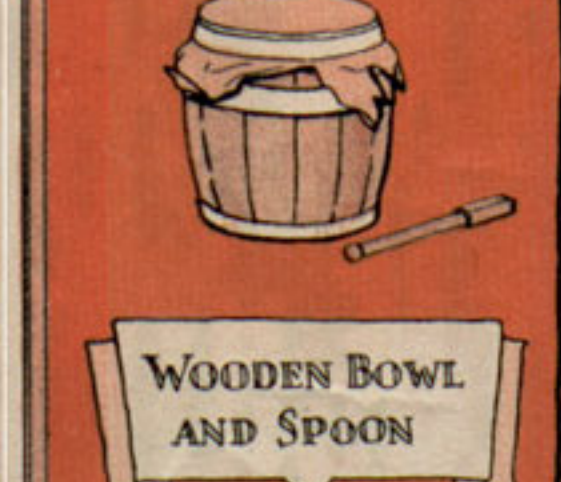
ALGONKIAN JAR AND PIPES



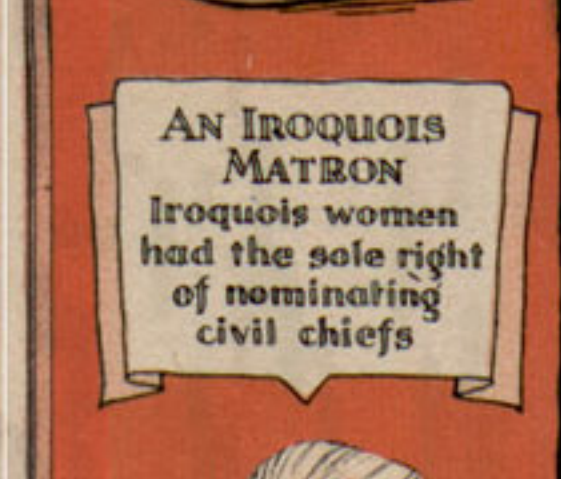
IROQUOIS HAT (Gustowak)



WATER DRUM



WOODEN BOWL AND SPOON



AN IROQUOIS MATRON
Iroquois women had the sole right of nominating civil chiefs

INDIAN LIFE TODAY
Outwardly the New York Indians are much like the surrounding rural population. About 4,000 are listed as Christians, and 1,000 as following the religion of Ganondago, their prophet. These continue the picturesque ceremonies of former days.



LEWIS H. MORGAN wrote the 'League of the Iroquois' First complete description of an Indian group (1851)



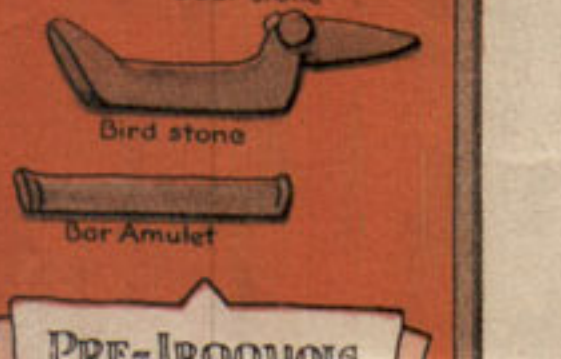
IROQUOIS DOLLS



IROQUOIS WAR CLUBS (Gadjiwah)



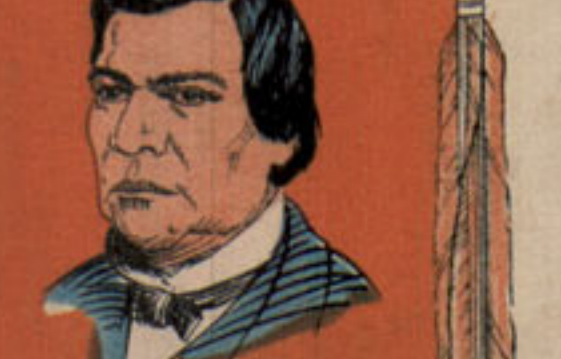
TURTLESHELL RATTLE



PRE-IROQUOIS OBJECTS



IROQUOIS ARROWHEADS



PETER WILSON, M.D. A Cayuga Surgeon in the Civil War

CHAPMAN SKENANDOAH (Onaida)
Naval Officer and Inventor in the Spanish War



The IROQUOIS cultivated vast fields of corn, beans and squash in ancient times



Lieut. NICHOLAS CUSICK (Tuscarora)
Lafayette's bodyguard 1779-1784



INDIAN EPISODES OF NEW YORK
A DRAMA-STORY MAP OF THE EMPIRE STATE
Compiled by Arthur C. Parker, Historian; and Mrs. Walter Henricks, Cartographer, Penn Yan, N.Y. - Drawn by Robert Gribbroek
Published by the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences at Rochester, N.Y. 1933

LACROSSE is the national game of the Iroquois. The Rochester Iroquois held the New York-Ontario Championship. YOUNG DEER.



Trees were burned down, the fire eating into the wood and the charred embers hacked out with a stone ax



PAULINE JOHNSON (Mohawk)
Poet and Journalist



THE SIX INDIAN LOCALITIES
The Indian Reservations in New York are: Allegany, near Salamanca, Cattaraugus, near Gettysburg, Tonawanda, near Irving, Tuscarora, near Lawiston, Onondaga, near Syracuse, St. Regis, near Hogansburg. 5,000 Indians live on these reservations.