

Mohawk Language Lesson

by Julia L. Jamieson

H	house - ga n'oh sah hepatica - go di ron da non	Q	queen - go rah
I	ice - o wih seh Indian - On gwe hon weh infant - o wi ra	R	root - oh te rah
J	jealousy - a doh nonhs henh	S	spoon - ah doh gwah scissors - de wah sa ri sah ship - ga hon we yah go wah
K	knife - a sha reh	T	teeth - oh na wi reh telephone - de ye ron wa ro ohk thah
L	lion - gen rehks luck - a de ra sonh	W	wagon - ga se reh wire - ga ron wa reh wool - ga rih se water - oh ne gah wood - o yen deh
M	morel - o ne ge ron dah money - oh wihs dah	X	X-ray - Ka yah da rachs thah
N	nest - oh tsi nah gwah nut - oh so gwah	Y	yard - se wa dah tse rah
O	orient - jiht ka rah kwi ne kenhs open - yo denh ho donh kwenh	Z	zero - yah ho the nenh
P	peacock - yoh nah schs go wah pike - tsi gon schs pen - yeh ya donh kwah parasol - yen de rah gwa we rohs dah kwah		

Historical Notes - Ray Fadden

Of the Iroquois, L. Morgan (Historian) has recorded: "One of the most attractive features of Indian society was the spirit of hospitality by which it was pervaded. Perhaps no people ever carried this principle to the same degree of universality, as did the Iroquois. Their houses were not only open to each other, at all hours of the day and of the night, but also to the wayfarer and the stranger. Such entertainment as their means afforded was freely spread before him with words of kindness and of welcome."

Ha

Bus Driver: Please move farther down the bus.
Little Boy: He's not my father - he's my grandfather.

Doctor: Your cough sounds much better.
Patient: Thank you, I've been practicing all night.

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