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## STORIES OF THE BACKWOODS

WHILE England was busy exploring and settling the eastern coast of North America, the French were busy exploring and building trading posts through the rich country of the northwest. Their brave traders made their way through the dark forests of whispering pines, or their canoes went dancing down the rippling waters of some stream, to the lodges of the Indians. There they traded firearms and beads and other gay trinkets to the savage, in exchange for valuable furs.

England at last began to see that she must make some effort to drive the French out of the Ohio Valley and save this rich trading ground. A war broke out, and at its close the beautiful country of New France, as it was called, passed into the hands of the English.



French Explorers

During the struggles of the French to hold the country they had so bravely explored, they used every means in their power to turn the Indians against the English. The Miamis claimed all the land between the Great Lakes and the Ohio