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Collection Overview

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Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

This manuscript contains a text by Jim Peters about a sucking doctor, handwritten in Meskwaki syllabary, with an English translation by Horace Poweshiek. It includes a tale-within-a-tale, the winter story of the Meskwaki culture hero (Wísahkêha) and Snapping Turtle, as told to the future doctor by his grandfather.

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