

to the place where it was tied, and found that it was attached to two blind men, who followed it in order to guide themselves. The Raccoon untied the string and fastened it to some other place, that the men might get lost. When the men missed the string, they began to quarrel and then to fight. The Raccoon stood there and laughed at them until he was tired, and then he put the string back into its former place.

The Raccoon then went on his way, and when he had walked for half a day, he saw a woman. When the woman saw the Raccoon she said, "I will kill him and have him for dinner." When the Raccoon heard this, he started to run, but soon he gave up and told the woman that if she would not kill him, he would tell her what to do in order to make her daughter grow taller in a day. The woman was satisfied, so the Raccoon told her to take her daughter to the river, throw her in, and hold her there for a while by the hair.

When the woman got home, she did exactly as the Raccoon had told her, whereupon the daughter got taller and the Raccoon was allowed to live.

#### (45) THE TWO LITTLE BOYS.

**Told by John Henry, Kettle Point.**

Once there lived an old couple, and they had one son. The father hunted all the time. The woman and her son often used to walk along the shore, and one day, when they returned and told the man what they had seen, he said, "Don't you walk there again, as there are some minetos in the river who will kill you."

The following morning, when the woman went for water, she saw someone coming behind her, and when it got quite near, it proved to be a lion. The lion killed her. The son saw the mother being killed and how her intestines were thrown on a stump. When his father came home in the evening, he told him all that had happened.

One day the boy asked his father to make him a bow and arrow, for the chickadees were eating up their dried meat. While he was out, the boy thought of his mother and said, "I will not be afraid now of anyone who may come along," and he hoped that he would meet the one who had killed his mother.