

told the girl that he would go up the tree and knock the porcupine down. He went quite a long way up the tree and somehow he missed his footing and fell to the ground. Well, he fell in such a way that the girl saw that he was not an old woman.* When he got up he asked the girl, "What way he fell." The girl said, "I did not see what way you fell, I only looked at the porcupine." Well, the old man was satisfied with this. One morning when the girl woke up she found some beads on her breast, so she asked the old man what it meant. "Well," he said, "somebody wants to marry you." She thought that there was nobody around close by that would marry her only the old man, for she never saw anybody since she was taken away when she was only a little girl. The old man also told her that if she found some blue beads with one yellow one in the middle that that meant she was to get married right away. She was troubled over this, and one day when the old man was away hunting she got ready and packed up some of her things and ran away. When night came she camped alone. The next morning she started very early and that evening she made a little camp and slept well all night till about daylight, when she got up and made up her mind to trick (give a trick to) the old man whom she knew would come after her. So she got some old logs and fixed them in shape of some one laying asleep, and which she covered with some of her clothes, then she defecated over the supposed sleeping girl. By this time the old man got to the little camp before daylight and a short time after the girl had started out. He said, "You might go a long ways, but I go there too." He began to lay down by the supposed girl, but soon found that he was all over dirt. He began to wash his buckskin clothing which gave the girl a good chance to get a long way ahead; while the girl was running she saw some tracks which she followed till she came to four hunters to whom she told her story. One man said, "He will get here in a short time, so we will cut your hair short and put some of our clothes on you, and this will fool the old man, for you will look like a boy." When the old man came up to them he asked them, "If they saw a girl here?" "No, we never saw a girl here," said one of them. The old man looked at the boy and all over but could not find the girl. This bent (fooled) the old man.

Note.—York says that in the olden time if a girl found beads on her breast when she woke up it meant that the giver wanted to marry her. G. E. L.

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THE CHRISTIAN INDIAN AND HIS PAGAN WIFE.

Told by John York.—A true story.

One time not very long ago there was a very good Indian who lived a Christian life, but who had a wife that would not believe that there was Christianity, and would not listen to her man when he was making prayers in the morning and evening.

They had two very small children, one about one year old the other about two years. When the man was making prayers the little ones would kneel down with him. One night this man had a dream, and this dream was, that one day very near at hand something was going to happen to their place (home) about one minute to twelve o'clock at noon, and which also meant that the woman was going to turn to be a Christian. Somebody had told him in the dream that his house was to be on fire, so he prayed all the time that his children might be spared.

*"Saw everything the old man carried," York's expression.