Red Leggins.

Once there was a family that had a big around of company all the time. This was a certain young man who lived with his father, his mother had died a long time ago, and they also lived with his sister. But the father had a lot of other sons who had a mother living by his second wife. And so this young man had a big time every night for all the boys came to play games with him.
and the father to this young man begin to feel jealous of his eldest son, whom he was the step-son of his present wife. He really loved his sons more that had a living mother. He felt jealous of his first son because he was very popular among all the male sex. So he went away wishing how he could get rid of his son. He gave bad tobacco to every man. In town he saw he finally
saw a black wolf and the wolf took the offering.
now the wolf will kill the boy, that the father
he went home. When he got home, he called
all his sons together at his present wires home,
and told them to go the
following day and look
for the black wolf and
bring it alive to their
village. So the follow-
ing day real early all
the young sons went to
the hills there they
saw the black wolf
their father told about.
and this young man, whose red leggings joined his brothers as it was toward evening and they all gave up chasing the wolf all day long, except red leggings he was still chasing the wolf, and he got to the edge of the cliff and here he caught the wolf by the leg, he took him home to his father. "Here is the wolf you have asked for," he told his father.
"Well, that the father how could I kill him he that. He had already told his other sons, when he sent them out to let Red Liggins do all the work. So the other boys were tired and didn't come back right away, then he began to worry about them. So he called them all together again, and told them to go out and pitch him a white turkey he had seen. So the following day..."
He told his other sons about his plan to rid Red Liggins, because he was so popular all the men and young men hung around his place all the time. They were so fond of Red Liggins, so they all started out to chase the white turkey. They all got in a boat and rowed way off, far, they stopped and looked about. They saw a lot of turkeys and one white one very wild. They all chased after it till they all gave up.
as was the agreement with their father, except Red leggins. He kept on till he caught this white turkey. After he caught it, he was going to go to the boat and his brothers had left him, he began to cry for the river was too wide he could not swim across with the turkey. As he was crying and about turned to death some one spoke to him say-

"Grandchild, you will only help me will help you."
So he said I would do anything if I only could cross this river with my white turkey so the animal toed him he would take him across that the only thing the ani — and feared was a storm the lightening — but it looked clear they said, and he sat on the animals neck and held on to the horses, then they started to cross the wide river slow and very slow did they go just
as they got half way it got black suddenly but they kept on, until they got right near the bank, then the lightening struck the animal the boy fell off on the bank with his turkey stunned he was not frightened and it killed the animal so the boy got up and took the turkey to his father, "here is your white turkey father," red legs, "set it down," he said very much sur-
prised as he that he had gotten rid of him. All the time Red leggins was gone the other young brothers of his would call all the young folks of the village to come to their place for a social gathering but no one cared to go. And as soon as they found out Red leggins was back home all the young folks came to his wigwam and had a big time, his brothers was jealous of him.
So again the old man began to go about sacrificing tobacco to every kind of bad animal of Manitou's. It made him so mad because his oldest son was so popular among all the young people, because no one cared to associate with the others, and he thought more of them because their mother was living. So he started to try to find her.
what way he could get rid of this son Red Leggins. He walked about for several days giving Indian tobacco to any odd looking creature.

Till one day as he was walking along he looked up and saw a large nest up in a tree. He climbed up the tree and looked inside the nest. Here were two baby thunders, babies of the thunder, so he asked them
what their names were, and one said my name is "far up and never give up" and the other said, "shaking seat!" "Well, how can't you prove your name do what your names say." So the first "fast up" began to draw up and up way up he went and the next "shaking seat" he began to shake and shook the earth so the old man got scared.
This is where I can
kill my boy, he told
so he went home
with another idea
in his mind. So he
started again back
to where his pony
were, and again
the following day
he called his raid
together and told
them he had seen
done young baby
thunders in a nest
and he told them
he wished them
to bring them to
him — as he already
told them to let Red Leggins climb. So the
following day they all
went to the place
spoken of. And when
they got there Red Leg-
gin said he was
willing to climb, so
he climbed, after he got
up to the nest, the old
man told him to sit
in the nest, so he did,
after he put in it, the
old man told "draw
"up," to draw so the
thunder bird began to
draw far up, way
up to thunder.
And the young man fell way up, and the wicked old man said "eat him up! there is food for you!"
he tried the thunders.
So they all came up to Red Leggins, half frightened, he told them wait, so they did not harm him and he took his indi-
rian tobaccas out and tried them to first take a smoke, so they all took a smoke and they were glad you can do as you
Please with me after you have had your smoke, "he told them, and so after they got through smoking they all talked together and decided Red leggin's had given them a good treat that the father did not give them any thing as they did. He'd told them to leave them loose, and they tied Red leggin's to tell the thrush birds to move as he did and they moved.
And they advised him when he got back on earth to kill the little thunderbirds and take them to his father. So as soon as he got down he killed them, then he took them to his father. His father said he got rid of him this time sure and he walked in with the thunder babies. "Here they are," he said. "They've been looking things taken..."
them away," said the old man. So he carried them out side and threw them on top of his wigwam. and he started to his sister wigwam soon as he got home the gang came over and they had a big time all night they liked him so much. His brothers tried to be like him but no one liked him Red Leggings was the only person for one.
Everyone liked him so much. And he had a gang at his wig wagon all the time even when he was gone and the gang was told to go to the other brother's place, no one would go; the others simply could not draw a crowd. And the father that it was Red Liggins that was doing all this, so he was trying every way to get rid of him. The father walked along far off for some.
days and he came to a large lake. I will make them go where it is real deep and dangerous, and dive, he told so he went home again with a new idea in his mind. When he got home he said to his son, there is a lake far off, you all go there, the one who goes where it is deep and dangerous and dive under the longist, I will say it my son, he
said. The following day he and his sons started to the big lake, when they got there he told them they had to drive across, one by one and it came to Red Leggins' turn.

The last one, when it was his turn, the old man threw a beast in the lake that would surely kill the boy. And sure enough Red Leggins never came up. His head they said.
and they started home and told around that Red leggings had drowned after the father had killed him. So when he did not return the village moved far away, and all this time this Red leggings was under the water talking and smoking with the old Manitou of the water. They did not want to harm him because these old men of the water always said the Indians were greater.
Manitouwa's as they did not want to do him harm, he enjoyed him self with them and he stayed with them till nearly winter, while his sister was fasting. Well when the village moved they were so jealous of his sister, his father's sons and daughters and they whipped his sister burned her house and left her with nothing, and one of her brother's friends buried clothing found for her, than day the village moved, they
village people moved this young woman told this girl that they was to leave behind, that at a certain place she had buried every thing for her to use, to go and look and get them after they had moved. They treated Red leggings sister gone thirty terrible. After they all moved away, this girl was very lonely, she dug up the hidden things and made a little wigwam for her self, she had plenty to eat. One day way afterward those women came again, here they told the one they abused & left behind had starved to death by now.
But she had a little wig
warm and comfortable. They got mad and burn-
et her house, tore all
her clothes and, done
all the mean things they
could to her.
And they tied her to a tree. One day a crow came around but it did not harm her, and in a few days it came back again; then she said "Grandpa, do help me." and the crow came and picked on the rope till it got it loose. She was so glad she went away and found a big hollow tree; she crawled into this and slept, and in a few days came these women again thinking she must have died by them. And they found her in the tree; they made
sharp sticks and tried to stick her to death, she kept real still, they that they kill ed her so they went away, and they called her all kinds of bad names. And
And a bear lived a little ways from there she paw and heard every thing. So she came to this woman she brought her some nice broad cloth to make her a dress and a piece for her shawl, and she invited her to go and live with the bears. And so this woman a bear woman did not like what these women done so she had her come to her home and live with her. So she went to live with a bear family.
When she lived in the tree she was so afraid to come out for fear some women would be waiting for her out side, and beat her up some more when the bear woman came to see her, she was so afraid she did not come out for a long time. But the bear woman was very good to her, and this Indian woman went and married a bear, a brother to this woman that was so good to her.
At the time this woman came to see her the Shovel she brought to her was red broad cloth. Then all at once she thought about her fasting and then she began to fast again and right away something told her to go to the lake and so early in the morning the following day she went to the lake there she saw her brother nearly frozen on the ice. She took him out and packed him on her back
and she brought him home. Then she made part of a log cabin for a peasant house.

And then after she had it all made up she looked about and brought in to the cabin four real large stones. First she heated these stones till she got them red hot.

And then her sister-in-law-her woman gave her some real nice medicine, and so she brought her brother in to his cabin she made to give him self a sweat.
bath. So when the man, her brother, began to holle, he
was alright, she began to pour water on the stones, and
when she got there she heard him making noise with
water to bathe. So she went in the house to get him
clothes and Bear woman gave her a pair of Red leggins
blanket, moccasins and a whole outfit of clothes to take to
her brother to wear and this is how she
got the name Red Leggins. And then he decided to make a trip after he was all right, back to those old men under the lake where he had been. They old men are sort of gods that live under the water, and it is summer all the year around where they live. and one day after Red Leggins had come back on land, he wanted to send word to them old men, who did nothing but smoke all the time. He always took smoke to them.
And these old men had a pet bird with a long neck, a water bird and also a swan, and one day they asked for it to be real clear outside, and it was, there was not a sign of clouds. Then they told their pet bird to come out on land and see how everything was, and it was spring already the leaves were real large. So he went back to the old men and told them it had been spring for a long time.
And they sent the other yet they had the peace when she got back she also paid the same thing.

So the old men said why don't we go out and take a sun bath. "Let's do it" they all said and they came out from their home to the top of the land and laid in the sun, suddenly it turned real cold. It was Red legsins that asked it to be that way and there old man nearly Red legsins had climbed a tree.
And Red leggins was sitting on a tree watch ing these old men.

"Well, I told ya that the Indian was a monster, but ya kept taking their tobacco when I told ya to refuse it. They paid to each other! It was Red leggins that always took tobacco to them.

"Well, let me all pray to him for help," so they asked it be turned real nice warmy and it did then they said Red
Leggins and told him what ever he wished to be, he would be. So he wanted to be a brave warrior and conquer wars to be a heros, and a great hunter. To kill lot of game. "You will be that," they told him. So he saw that they got back to their homes safely under the water! And Red Leggins told the one that had always accepted his toebacos
that when ever he asked that the river threw it out, and when he asked it to be a real nice warm day it would be, just only by sacrificing a little 2nd, tobaccos. So he paid "alright" again, and all the other old men got after him for taking the tobaccos again. So one day they were out taking a sun bath and the very same thing
happened the water on top of the lake froze, and the old men tried every way to break into the ice so that they might go back to their home under the water, and all this time Red leggings was sitting on the trees watching them from they gave up and they were so cold, they nearly froze, and they begged Red leggings help, and they told him what ever he wished to be, they
would give him that power, so again he said, 'he wished to be a brave man to conquer wars and be a hero, also to be a good hunter to bring home a lot of deer and game for the village when they were hungry and no one else could do it,' "we give you power to be all that," they said," and so he spoke giving tobacco to the water saying for it to thaw and the ice all disappear, and the
old men once more
left for their homes
under the water.
And Red leggins told
to himself, "Now I
can do as I please
and fear no one that
I have power in
war and hunting.
"Th' he, I will do
my limit. And
he went back to
his sister who was
living with the bear.
He told her he was
going away, to
another village far
off, so she asked
her to make him
a pair of mocassins not one pair but four pair of buckskin mocassins. So the sister got busy and made them. Then he went out and killed a lot of deer, wild turkeys, geese and every kind of game for her before he went away. So she had plenty of meat at hand while he was gone. And before this his sister had a little boy, it was half bear and half Indian.
It looked queer, it had hair here and there, and it looked more human but yet it was a funny looking boy. He was very bright and grew so fast. It had long sharp claws, but Red Leggins took a knife and trimmed them real short, and he taught him how to use a bow and arrow, he got so he was real good at the bow and arrows. Red Leggins decided he didn't want to leave just yet and while he was at home a man came to the door.
It was a man bear, he asked for this Red Leg---gin nephew's father. They told him he was away, and they asked why he was wanted. So this bear paid to run a race. "Will be there" answer, half bear. And this man that came to the door got scared when he saw this half bear, because he was such a funny looking creature. When he got back he was asked what the answer was, he told them a funny looking person said "they could come."
It was a race with the bears, and Red Leggins and his nephew half bear joined the race and they won. Every time they got near the goal, half bear would kill the other bears they were racing with, by shooting with his bow and arrows, and he brought a lot of bears home when they got close to home half bear gave a loud whoop, and said "Come and meet us," so the mother and dad, women met them they brought lots of bears home they had won she was so happy.
And the boys kept this up, and every time they won a race they brought home a lot of dear meat. And the following day they heard a bell ringing so some one came in at the door; "Is the old man home, he is wanted to go on a high diving in a very dangerous place." "Alright we will be there," answered half bear again. And the following day half bear and his half brother a real bear went; then they began in the contest they held them under
the water, to see how long each could stand it; and half bear went prepared. He sharpened his knife and took it along and hid it in his knife case. When they had about drowned him he slipped out his knife and stabbed him right in the stomach, and the same with the bear that was holding his brother. He swam over and ate the same, so they won again, and brought home some more bear meat. Half bear done the same when he got close to the house he gave a loud
whoop, and his mother came running out to meet them. As he did in all the racing contests and water contests, they always won and brought home a lot of beads. And then after the contests were all over Redleggins began to think about girls, so he said he would make his trip he had been talking about far away to another village. So his nephew gave him a present a string of white long beads, he told him when ever he looked at the beads to think of
Of him, half bear and when he called his name, where ever he was his nephews would be there quick as his name was mentioned. "Alright," Red leggings said. He got his new occasions new red broadcloth blanket red leggings and a fine out and he left for the village far off, where there were a lot of girls. He traveled for days, and one day he saw the village he went into the first wigwam on the end. He came to an old lady name (Ma no mi) lived in it.
She began at once to prepare his meal, and he was very hungry, her dishes were real potluck, and the kettle she corked her rice in corked so small he that that would not satisfy my hunger, the kettle of rice is so small. Soon as the meal was ready they told him to eat and he sat down to eat, he was so filled and there was still plenty of rice, he could not eat it up. "No one ever could eat up what I cork in this kettle" said the old woman.
While he was sitting there a young girl came run-
ing in; she did not see him at first. "Are you there with my kettie?" said she, and the old lady hand her a kettie. When she saw a young man sitting there she got excited she got up to come out and she struck her head on a pole of the wigwam but she ran to her home unconscious. When she got in they asked her what was the matter and she couldn't talk for a long
time, all she could say was (Ma-no-me-a) the old lady's name. "Well what about her," they would say. Finally she got alright and told them how she hurt herself, when she was coming out of the old lady's. And this old lady was telling this young man about turtle, she said he was so mothy, soon as he heard about the visitor he will be over she was saying, just as she said that the turtle came in. So you have come,
turtle said. And then the news broke out the men of the village had to all go on a warpath. So Red Leggings offered to go, he thought about the power he was given on being a warrior; that he had a chance to show off, and he won, and won and won, till they went home to the village he was the talk of the village and became very popular, they had a big dance every night, then the power he was given was all used up when he and turtle set out on
a war path, the last
time, they were captured
and put in iron chains;
turtle got away couple of
times, but they would
chain him up again.
Red leggins war medicine
was used up, that these
old men had given him
as he was powerless.
Finally his lips were
so sore and when the
guards smoked they
would throw their
ashes all over these
prisoners, so Red leg-
leggins told about what
this nephew half bear
said, so he said
"Nephew, half bear with hair here and there."

"Here, here I am what can I do for you uncle," and he was standing there. So half bear got angry, he broke up all the chains and let his uncle and the turtle free from these enemies, they were afraid of this funny looking human creature. And after the half bear done a great help for his uncle he went back to his home, to his mother and Richard and
and turtle went back to the village, when they got to the village a lot of people were there, a band of Indians that were hungry had moved into the village and one family were those that thin they had killed Redlegs and that had abused his sister so badly after he was sent under the water so he made some bad medicine and witched all those mean women, the next day they all had died and one I knew why.
He finally got even with them, and the fellow—
big day half-bear was going to go and play with the boys
that just moved in the village. Here they had all died, he was
very lonesome and felt very sad for what had happened. And his
uncle Redlegs was a son-in-
law—he was married to a girl in another
village, some where that half-bear did
not know just where.
But he became very
lonesome.
And in this village where his uncle Red Leggin's was they gambled all the time day and night, so Red Leggin's had a great time all the time, and this Wi'-sa-ke-a) went to watch the games all the time, then turtle had to step outside, so he asked Wi'-pa-ke-a to take his hand in the games while he was out, in no time Wi'-pa-ke-a-lost. When turtle got back he was mad and remarked that Wi'-pa-ke-a was too full of dice how could he win.
And Wi'-pa-ke-a felt very badly, he began to think how he could pay back turtle for the awful thing he said to him. Finally he think of a lechmere, and he dressed like a lady changed his voice, and every thing. And turtle was fond of the ladies this none of them liked him, so this make be-tieve dressed up lady, bring around turtle in the dark & fooled turtle. Turtle asked her to go home, in which she did first she said, she would
merry him and go home with him if he only would take out his sacred bundle and give it to her, it is the only way, she said. Turtle hated to do this but he wanted a woman very badly so he said, he would hand out his war bundle, and they went into his wigwam to sleep, when turtle fell sound asleep, this Wi-pa-ke-a-that fooled him get up and took the bundle to his home.
When turtle woke up he was sleeping by himself. He went about asking for a body named (Ma-ko-si-ge) that was the name. Wi-pa-ke told him. But no one knew anyone by that name. Finally he went to Wi-pa-ke and the one who played that trick on him, and he said, I have some pet dogs by that name, he was told, he looked around and they wasn't sleeping all over his
sacred bundle. And turtle got real mad.
"You are the one who fooled me just to
get my bundle away from me!"
But "Wi'-sa-ke-a!
said "Shut up you
made me feel very
bad making remarks
about me being full
of lice," and after
this you shall not
be among the people.
I am going to punish
you," they told
the turtle, and they took aboard of
him by the tail.
And threw him into the river." Hereafter the people won't talk great about you any more," Wi-p'-a-he told him, as he fell into the water the end of Red Leggins story.
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