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Stubby Woman

There was a large camp circle. In the camp there was a man who was an expert in the game of hoop. After defeating all the men, that participated in this gambling game of the hoop, he departed for other camps seeking more laurels to his accomplishments. Then he journeyed far away and came to a large camp circle. Upon his arrival he found that the hoop game was in full force and he immediately joined a group of players, and he gambled until he defeated all the players. The next day he journeyed on, far away into
another country and came to
a large camp circle, upon his
arrival he found that the hoop game
was in full force and he immediately
joined the group of players and
he gambled with the men until
he defeated all the players and
no one could defeat him. So the
next day he departed and journeyed
on, far away to another country.
While he traveled, he came
to a very high hill and went
up on to the top of the hill and
sat down to rest and looking
down on the other side he saw
a village of many huts down
in the valley, and seemingly
no one in sight. "These people have all gone somewhere," said he. But he noticed and saw that smoke was coming out from the hut situated in the extreme west end of the group of the settlement. He decided to visit the place. He approached the hut from which the smoke was coming from, he peep in the door way and saw a woman with her back to the door way. The woman was busy doing a piece of porcupine quilt work. She turned and greeted the visitor and invited him to come in, which he did. The gambler
must be tired and hungry,
I will prepare a meal for him
said she. The next day the gambler
went out to hunt, brought home
a whole deer. While the sturdy
woman was preparing the evening
meal, the gambler noticed that
she was eating the meat raw
she was cooking only what he
was to eat, before the cooking
was done, she devoured the whole
carcass of deer bones and all.
Then the gambler continued
his hunting trips every day
and the sturdy woman became
his wife and a male child
was born to them.
The boy grew up healthy and strong, his father made him调度 arrows. "My son,
when I am away during the day, hunt the fowl and rabbits with your bow and
arrows," said he. Upon the
boy hunted and killed a rabbit
and took it to his mother. The
mother took the rabbit and gobbled
it down. The gamblers in the
returned hunt brought home
two deer and his wife cooked
just enough meat for him
and the boy and devoured the
rest of the meat raw, bones
and all. Then the next day
the Gambler surprised his wife and before setting out to hunt. "My son stay out of doors and hunt birds and rabbits while I am away," said he.

After he had gone, the boy killed a bird and brought it to his mother, who eagerly pried the bird and gobbled it down. She then grabbed the boy with her hands and set him down on her lap.

"Oh, he is just getting old enough to eat," said she, feeling of his body. "Then the boy ran out doors frightened with his mother strange.
words and going upon a hill top, he waited and watched for the return of his father from the hunt. When he saw his father he ran towards him, Father I done as you told me to do I killed a bird a took it to mother. She seized the bird and gobbled it down whole and then she grabbed me and feeling my body said I was nearly old enough to eat, said he, "My son do your best and learn all you can, stay out doors and exercise and grow strong some day we will go away," said he. Then they both went
home. 'Gamblers has you boy been telling you same thing? I was only joshing him,' said she. 'No, he did not tell me any thing,' said he.

Then she cooked just enough meat for the two and devoured the rest of the meat raw bones and all. The next day he set out to hunt again. 'My Son, stay out of doors and hunt birds and rabbits while I am away,' said he. Then the boy killed a rabbit and a bird and brought them to his mother. She aged the birds and rabbit and gulped them down whole.
She then grabbed the boy and set him down on her lap. "Oh, you are just about old enough to eat," said she, feeling of his body. Then the boy ran out doors frightened with his mother strange words and going upon a hill top he waited and watched for the return of his father. When he saw his father he ran towards him. Father I have done as you told me to do. I killed a bird and a rabbit and took it to the mother, she seized it and gulped it down.
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two and devoured the rest of the meat saw-hones and all. The next day he outset to hunt again. My son stay out doors and hunt hinds and rabbits while I am away said he. Then the hog killed a bird and a rabbit and took them both to his mother. She eagerly seized the bird and rabbit and gulped them down whole and again she grabbed the hog and set him down on her lap. "Oh, he is just old enough and far enough if his father comes home with out any meal I will eat him," said
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any meat I will eat him said he. My son do your best and learn all you can stay out door and exercise and grow strong tomorrow we will go away said he. Then they both went home. "Gambler has your big been telling you some thing. I was only jesting him. I would not do anything to him, he is cute because he is a male" said she. "No he did not tell me anything" said he. Then she cooked just enough meat for the two and devoured the rest of the meat raw, bones
and all. The next day he set out to hunt again.
"My son today you must stay outdoors and hunt until I return," said he.

Then the boy obeyed his father and stayed outdoors away from the sight of his mother. The gambler hunted and killed many deer and bringing only this one home he left the rest of the meat on the other side of a nearby river. I am very tired and my back is about broken from packing this meat home so you will have to go and pack it home.
the rest of the meat home from the other side of the river" said he. Then the woman cooked just enough meat for the two and devoured the rest of the meat saw horses and all. Then they had eaten their meal. He laid down to rest whereupon she left and when she had gone out of sight. The gambler whittled a piece of wood and sharpened it on one end and stuck it in the ground. Of what you have seen do as I shall accordingly," said he. He then arose and
stepped on the piece of wood he had stuck in the ground and it carried him up through the opening of the hut, landing on top of a nearby hut, wherehipboy joined him and they hopped away to escape from the stubby woman. Then they traveled on foot. After crossing the nearby river the stubby woman found a quart pile of meat and picked all the meat she could pack on her back and while she was packing the river froze solid. Then she started to cross on the ice, she
slipped and slid, and fell down. She was almost helpless on ice because she had no legs from her knees down. "I feel uneasy that my feet might escape from me," said she. (Meaning her son and husband.) And with great effort she retraced her steps to the banks of the river and devoured all the meat she had on her back. She then proceeded to the pile of meat and made another pack with which she started for home. When she came on the frozen river, she slipped
and slid and fell with the load on her back. "I feel uneasy that my food might escape from me," said she.

Then with all her might she crawled back to the banks of the river and devours her pack of meat hungrily. She then proceeded to the pile of meat and made another pack, leaving enough meat for one more pack. Upon reaching the frozen ice she slipped and slid and fell. "I feel uneasy that my food might escape from me," said she, and with all her might.
crawled back to the banks of the river and devoured all her pack of meat, vinegar and all. Once more she proceeded to the pile of meat and pack all what was left of the meat on her back. Upon reaching the ice she slipped and fell. "I feel uneasy that my food might escape from me," said she. Then she crawled back to the banks of the river and ate up all the meat she had. She then crossed the frozen river with no further mishap upon entering her hut.
she saw, that the Gambler
and Pan were gone. "Oh oh
my food has escaped, but he
is no wiser than I am. I will
follow them. They cannot escape
me," said she. Upon coming around
she saw a tiny hole in the
ground. "Here is the
place where they escaped from,"
said she. Whereupon she
embellished a piece of wood
and stuck it in the ground
when she stood on it, it
carried her up through an
opening of her hut. Whereupon
she hopped from hut to hut
to where she made a great
leap and landed on the
ground from where she
started on foot, from then
on she followed the trail
of the Gambler and Son.

The boy became exhausted
and fagged out from the
effects of a long journey.

The boy looked back
and saw her following him
then he cried, "Father I am
getting tired," said he. "Son
we are not very far from
where we shall enter in safety," said he. After traveling some
distance the boy cried again
I am tired. See that mound.
It is the home of an old man who will help us. The boy again became tired and cried out, "Father I am tired out I can not hardly go no further and the stubby woman was nearly upon them. "We are but a short distance away to the place of safety," said he. They then came to a mountain peak, an old man sat at the foot of the mountain by a great rock. Grandfather we have come to you for help, the terrible stubby woman is chasing us," said he.
Then up on the old man arose and raised the great rock and closed the gateway and sent to enter into the cave. After they had done so, the Stubby Woman came out and demanded of the old man to open the door to the cave, or else she would come in, come in, no one is forcing upon to stay out.

Said the old man, the boy began to cry from fright, upon the third request from the Stubby Woman to come in, the old
Man reached for one of the four swords that hung hanging on the wall. He took it to test the strength of it. But the sword bent and broke in pieces, so he grabbed the second and the third with the same results. The fourth sword withstood the test. Whereupon the Old Man opened the door of the great rock and attacked the Stubby Woman. She retreated and started running. The Old Man struck her body with the sword, knocking off a piece of flint, which
flown in all directions, each stroke having the
same effect, finally the
Stubby Woman ran along
a near by river, at each
stroke of the old man the
flint was flying thick
and fast into the river.
Henceforth, the coming
human generations shall
call this stream of water
"Flint River," (Arkansas River)
So the Cheyenne call it
Flint River to this day.

Thus, the length of the legend
is ended.
The Squaw Captive

The alarm announced in the evening of the day, three out the large circle camp of people that hostile enemy tribe had been spied by the hunters that day and urged the warriors to be alert to stake their war mounts near the tepees on the inner circle of the camp. And for every one to be ready to break camp by sun rise the next day. Early the next morning the people were packing their belongings on pack ponies and immediately moved.
away to less hostile territory. There was a young man and his wife, they had a male child about four years old. This couple were being detained by a colt that kept running back to the deserted camp ground. The young woman and her son were riding double on the mare. The mother of the colt. The colt would run around in circles when it reached the place where the young couple were camped. They waited for it to follow them, but the colt would not leave the camp ground. The young woman decided she would
loped back to the colt, thinking that she would follow it. The young man did not agree with his wife for her to ride after the young animal. But said, let the colt go, and we will move on. The hostile enemy tribe were reported in the neighborhood yesterday and they might be still lurking in the hills yesterday, but she would not listen to her husband's precautions. So she leaped over to where the colt was. When she arrived at the camp ground, there appeared on the opposite side four horsemen riding toward her at a headless speed.
It was but a matter of moments when all avenue of escape was cut off, one of the horsemen grabbed the reins of her mount and led her away and disappeared over the hill toward the setting sun. Thus, the husband saw his wife carried away captive prisoners, but was powerless to help her. As he went on to the camp, referred the incident to his father and mother, and to his younger sister. The absence of the young man’s wife and son brought grief to his heart. So one day he informed his parents that he had decided on the plan, that
would lead to the recovery and recapture of his wife and son. I want all the young men of this near camp to run a horse race, the distance to cover four divides. The winner of the race will be given in marriage to my sister and the winning horse to be given to me. I in return will give my spotted munt, and the time of the race to take place will be your right from now.

The order for which answered to the people in Camp. The decision and desires of the young man.

In the Camp were two brothers, the youngest being a boy of ten winters, who owned a sled
black pony. The pony's mane and tail dragging the ground. I am going to win the race with my pony and you can have the maiden for your wife and I will take the spotted horse. He said to his older brother. Do not be so foolish, you will have no chance with your pony to compete in the race against the fine and speedy horses. You will be left so far behind that might fall will overtake you and you will cry like a baby out there in the wilderness by your self. The older brother said his brother.
But I am going to win the race and besides that you are going to have a wife,' he said.

The day of the big race was at hand, the boy and his pony were also there. He held a willow twig in his right hand, on the way to the starting point of the race. The young men joked about the one riding the black pony, and if he should by great luck win the race he also should be made to marry the young maiden, etc., etc. The boy took all the jokes good naturedly, he told the crowd that his intentions were to
win the race and then his senior brother to many the maiden. The party arrived at the starting point, they lined up and started for the race. The short distance horses flew away like the wind, but more soon out of the race, the boy whirling the willow twig slowly and regularly the first two divides, upon approaching the third divide he whirled the willow little more faster, the pony increased its speed accordingly, and was among the leading bunch of race horses. after passing the
third divide, the pony was leading the whole field, and upon approaching the fourth and the last divide, there was not one race horse in sight. After reaching the goal and to show that the pony was by no means tired, the boy kept on going and raced around the camp circle, he done this for the purpose proving beyond doubt that she was the winner of the great race. The boy then delivered the pony to the young man and told him the search of endurance of the pony. To hold
the willow twig in the right hand by slowly whirling it at the start and to gradually increased the speed by whirling the willow faster, he said, I am too young to marry your sister but I have an older brother that will marry her. Of course I want the spoiled horse. So the young man took the black pony and the same evening the tipi was erected for his new brother-in-law. The next few days the young man informed his father and mother that he wanted two pair of moccasins and a lot
of pounded dry meal. I am going on a long journey to find my wife and my son, and I am going to be gone for some time. I have spoken to the Mexican. He has consented to go along with me, to take care of pack horses, and in a few days, the two horses on their journey towards the setting sun. After some days of continued travel, they came to a lone mountain peak, upon reviewing the surrounding country they saw in distance towards the setting sun a large camp of people. Then the two held a council.
of war, they decided to leave their pack ponies and to ride their mounts into the camp that night, to see whether or not they could locate the woman and the child. When they came near the camp there was a dance going on. Near the central part of the inner camp circle, upon entering the camp, the two separated. Mexico entered a small tipi wherein lived an old woman by herself. The Mexican found her sound asleep. He immediately cut her head off and started back to their camp where they left the pack ponies.
The young man saw people walking in pairs, some alone. He avoided contact with them. These people had flutes, a kind of wind instrument, producing a weird musical sound. It was getting late at night. The dancers and other people were going to bed. He heard a child crying and was thrown out of the tipi. He then heard a woman cry, apparently out of doors. Saying, "My son's father loved him. Oh, I this man does despise and hates him. So he at once ran over when sound of woman's voice came from his great astonishment."
It was his wife and son. After she recognized him, she immediately wanted to escape with him, but he said, and wait until morning. I must have my revenge. He further advised his wife to be up real early in the morning and to come up to the hills back of the Tipi with the man she was living with.

This man was the chief of the hostile enemy tribe. That morning the woman was up before day break and coaxed her husband, chief, to go with her to the top of the hills back of their Tipi.
So they started up the hill, the chief hesitated and announced in a loud voice telling the people to arise out of bed, to prepare morning food and for men to look after the ponies. Soon after the morning meal, prepare to break camp, we are moving this morning to another camp ground, he said, so he finally followed the woman to the top of the hill. He then set down facing the camp. The young man attacked the chief by shooting four arrows into his back. Then scalped his head.
The woman ran down the other side of the hill. When the pony was tied in waiting, she was already astride the pony. When her husband got there, he leaped upon the pony, but before starting to escape he rode towards the camp, to challenge the bravery of the enemy. He urged him to ride to near the camp, but to turn and go the opposite direction. Some one saw the attack upon the chief. The news spread like wild fire in the camp. The pursuing party was
hastily formed. They at once took after the fleeing enemy. But there was no horse in the pursuing party that could even come up near enough for a warrior to shoot the arrows accurately. The chase lasted until towards noon when the mounts of the pursuing party gave out. In the middle of after noon the young man and his family came to the mountain peak. The Mexican had dried the scalp of the old woman. They then returned the journey home word.
When they arrived home there was great rejoicing in the camp. Especially the parents of the young men.

Thus the length of the legend is ended.
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"Twin Eyes" in v. 1 and most of "Stubby Woman in v. 2 are in a handwriting different from Mack Haag's (apparently the same as that in Ms. 3342 and the unidentified writing in Ms. 2134 and 3220).
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