

An Indian Story of the Creation of Man and Animal

Long, long ago at the beginning of the Creation of man and some other animals, it is said that there was a man once traveled all over the continent started from north to south. This man was believed to be Jesus as many Indians reckoned as the white people who have written the Bible wrote the story nearly similar to that of this Indian story. The man is said to have been made last.

But it will seem funny to say that the beaver did not have any ear and tail. When the beaver family heard that the Creator was coming they prepared and made some knives out of clamshells, but then they did not have any knowledge of what was to be done when the Creator came around. The man asked what the beavers were making, and the beavers said at once, "We are preparing to kill the Creator," so then the guest said to the beavers, "Turn around and stand still." He put the ears on the beaver and told him to dive under the water, and said, "That is the way you will live as long as the world stands." The beaver went and wandered in the woods and waters, and did not kill the Creator.

Next place the cougars heard of the Creator who was coming from the far north to change the method of how every animal should live, and the cougars prepared and made long whip to kill the man who was coming. At last they were greatly surprised when a man came along and asked what they were making, and the cougars said, "We are preparing to kill the Creator," and he also asked if the man knew anything about it, and the man said, "No." He compelled the cougars to let him see the whip so the cougars did. The man turned the whip around and said, "This is a good whip, turn around," and he put tail on

the cougars, and said, "You will use your tail for whipping your fellow-beasts in battle."

The other animals were fooled the same way as the above explained or told, so it will not be necessary to tell their characters.

The man was at last made, and it is said that there were many turned into man from animal. The Creator made axes, spears, cooking utensils, bow and arrows out of certain kind of wood and bones. He also made fish-traps across the nearby rivers for the men to fish with. The Creator did not leave the newly created people for quite a while, and he was also acting as medicine man and healed the sick. He gave the people or rather certain man who is brave a certain religion—such religion is then known to be what was found the power of healing the sick, which some Indians use today.

It is not known among the Indians whether this man, a Creator died or not, nevertheless they believed him to be Jesus.

Better go to School

Boys who get tired of going to school should read the following, written by Superintendent Adams of Fayette (O.) College: "The average educated man gets a salary of \$1,000 per year. If he works forty years he earns \$40,000 in a lifetime. The average day laborer gets \$1.50 per day 200 days in the year, or \$450 in a year. In forty years he earns \$18,000. The difference, \$22,000, equals the value of an education. To acquire this earning capacity requires twelve years at school of 180 days each, or 2,160 days. Divide \$22,000, the value of an education, by 2,160 the number of days required in getting it, we find that each day is worth a little more than \$10 to a pupil. Can't afford to miss school can we?"—The Onward.