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Poor Man

Long ago this poor man went looking for work and finally found employment. So he worked all summer and in the fall he had fifty dollars. So he went home and he was searching for something to buy that would be of great value. A farmer was driving by and met up with this poor man. He had a load of pumpkins. The poor man said, "What are those?"

And the farmer said, "Those are horse eggs."

Then the poor man said, "How much for one egg?"

The farmer said, "Twenty five dollars for one." The poor man said, "I need a team of horses."

So he bought two pumpkins and paid fifty dollars. So they burned through all the summer earnings. The poor man said, "What should I do for it to hatch?"

The farmer said, "Sit on it by draping yourself over it so at no time it will get cold until the horse comes out."

So he went along happy and went home. Then they say on a slanting ground is where he made a nest and then he sat on it all day draping himself over it. He was eating just a little bit and finally he got tired and thought he should change to a different position but he made a mistake and one of them rolled away. He tried to grab it but it got away and it struck a stump and split up. At that point a rabbit that had been sitting in the stump ran right out and the poor man thought it was a horse coming out of the egg. He chased after it but was unable to catch it.

So he thought there was still one left and he went back to sit on it for a few days. Then somehow he made a mistake and it rolled away on him. Then there must have been a rabbit sitting in the stump again where the egg struck and split out. So out ran a horse and the poor man immediately chased after it. He was saddened that the both of them, his one team, got away from him.