

winter, of course there was a lot of snow and ice on the rivers; he saw a little bird dive from a tree limb; he'd go right through the ice, solid ice, and he'd come up with a uh--fish. This bird was just having a ball, he wasn't a bit hungry, he was just getting all the food he wanted, getting those fish out of the water. Saynday kept watching him and he got curious, he wanted to know how that fish could go through solid ice and come with fish. Well, he walked up to the bird and said, uh, how do you get those fish? You must have a certain type of powers that, uh, some of those Indians don't. And of course, the bird agreed that he had some powers. He said, well can you give me those powers, and let me get some of those fish, I'm awfully hungry. Of course the bird knew, head of Saynday, by reputation, he knew how he fouled up on things like that. He said, Saynday I've heard how you foul up on your good things that happen to you. You manage to foul up some way. No, I uh won't foul up. I need some food, and want some, eat some fish. You know those powers, I promise I'll, I'll I won't foul up in any way. So that, after a while, the bird got tired of hearing him beg so he let him, showed him how to go through that ice, of course, he had to go through certain things, rigamarole I guess you'd call it. He tried it, he got on that limb and jumped and one thing, he had to have his eyes closed when he went through that ice, of course he shut his eyes the first time that was perfect, boy, he went right through that ice and he come up with a fish. He was real happy. He did that several times and each time he would come up with a fish. 'Course, he begin to wonder I wonder why he always tell me to close my eyes when I come go through that ice? Next time, I'll just keep my eyes open and see if I can go through that ice, see what makes that ice come apart, and let me go through. I have to see this. Next time he got up on top of that limb, high on that limb, boy he kept his eyes open, boy he hit that ice, he never did close his eyes that time, he hit that solid ice and that of course, he busted his face and nose. Blood splattered all over that ice there. Of course the bird was mad at him, he told Saynday he would never give him any powers any more. Of course, as the story goes Saynday always fouled up, I don't know, he's quite a character, but he always foul up on his things like that. (Didn't you tell me one story where Saynday finally did come through? It had to do with a medicine show or something like that?)