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## INDIAN JOKES

1. There used to be an old Indian named Black Bull on one of the Sioux reservations. When the United States Commissioners came trying to buy the Indian land for a song, Black Bull made this speech: "I am not a chief, but just an ordinary man, but I see things and would like to say something. They tell us to be like white men. Now when I go to the traders to buy coffee, the trader weighs it and sells it to me by the pound; when I buy sugar for my coffee, he weighs it and sells it to me by the pound; when I buy flour, he sells it to me by the pound. If we are to be like white men, we should sell everything by the pound. I therefore suggest that we sell our reservation to the white men by the pound."
2. Once a poor Indian went to the bank to get a loan. The banker demanded what security he could give. The Indian said, "Security, what's that?" The banker explained, "Well, if I give you the money, you should have some ponies that I can take if you don't repay the loan. How many ponies have you?"

The Indian replied "Fifteen ponies."

"Good," said the banker, and made the loan. Sometime later oil was discovered on the Indian's land. He received a big check in royalties and brought it to the bank to cash it and repay his loan. When he had repaid his loan, he had a roll of thousands of dollars left over.

The banker advised him not to carry it or take it home, because someone would probably kill him or rob him or find out where he had hidden it, so that he would lose it all. The banker pointed to the safe, "Give me your money and I will put it in that big iron box where nobody can steal it. There it will be secure."

The Indian grunted, "Secure, how many pony you got?"

3. The Haskell Indian School in earlyday Oklahoma had one of the best football teams in the United States, which regularly defeated every team that played with them. One day two Indians were watching Haskell play a white team, when a penalty of fifteen yards was called against Haskell by the official. One of the Indian spectators lost his temper and began to yell at the official. His friend nudged him in the ribs and said, "Don't get so excited, they took our whole country from us already. Why worry about fifteen yards?"