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Jerry was very excited, for tonight at the dance he was going to get a brand new name. It's not every day that a boy gets a different name!

Jerry's father had been given a new name... Good Horse... a long time ago, when he was Jerry's age. Tonight, Jerry was going to be named in the same way that his father had been.

Jerry ran next door to see his grandmother. "Come and taste the lemonade, Jerry. Take a big sip. There will be plenty of children to drink it tonight." Jerry took a big sip of the lemonade. It tasted so good he drank more and more. "Everybody will enjoy this," he smiled.

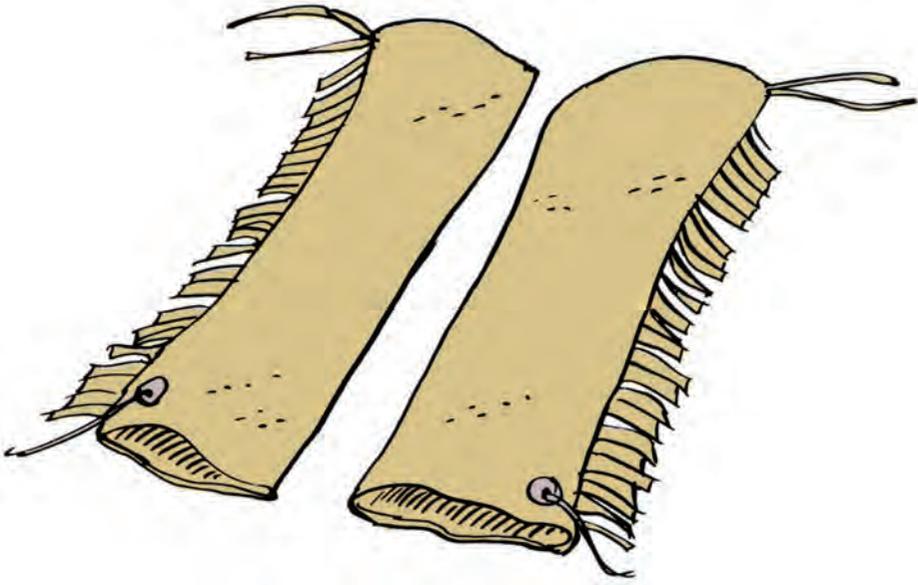


Grandmother was busy stitching with her needle. She sat in the middle of boxes and trunks. “Look at these shells on your shirt,” Grandmother said, as she shook his red wool shirt. “When you dance, these shells will shake and jingle. Put on your shirt, Jerry, and I’ll slip this necklace I have made for you over the collar.”

Grandmother dipped her hand into another trunk. “Here is a belt which used to belong to your father when he was a little boy,” she told Jerry. “Put it on over your shirt so that it will be visible to everybody.” Jerry took the belt, slipped it on, and tightened it snugly. He was half-dressed. What was he to have on his legs? Had Grandmother forgotten?



No, Grandmother had not forgotten. She handed Jerry long strips of something. They looked funny... like sleeves with tiny thongs on the ends. A thong is a thin strip of animal skin. It is used to hold things together.



Jerry put the first side of the funny sleeves on his left leg, and it fitted perfectly. So he put the other side on his right leg, but it didn't feel good. He hopped to the mirror, and looked at himself.

