

### A Shaggy Moose Story

"Shall I tell one of my corny jokes, master,  
which never fail to get a laugh from the audience?"

-- Aristophanes, The Frogs

I got this moose story from a Canadian who heard  
it when he was working in **the** Yukon.

A feller ran a trading post down in the Beaver  
Creek Country and one day a moose came in and asked  
for a plug of chewing tobacco. The feller gave him  
the package. The moose gave him a dollar bill and got  
60¢ in change.

The feller thought the whole thing was kind of  
odd, and as the moose was leaving he said to him

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"Say. You're the first moose that's been in here  
for tobacco."

And the moose answered

"At your prices what would you expect?"

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So. Change a dog to a moose and it becomes a  
Western story. Import a Polish joke to The West and it  
becomes a North Dakota joke. Aristophanes' comedian  
told the same stories and made butts of the Persians.