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In the reign of the famous King Arthur, there lived in Cornwall a lad named Jack. In the mountains near lived a huge giant, eighteen feet tall and nine feet around. He was the terror of the country. He lived in a cave, and often he came into the valley in search of prey; when he would throw half a dozen oxen over his shoulder, and tie twice as many sheep, and as many calves about his waist and march away. He had done this for many years when Jack said, "I am going to destroy him."

So one night Jack crept up the mountain and dug a great pit in front of the giant's cave. This he carefully covered and taking a horn blew a loud blast which woke the giant. "You saucy villain," he cried, rushing out, "I'll broil you for my breakfast."

Just then he tumbled headlong into the pit and Jack killed him with his pickaxe.

When the great giant, Blunderbore, heard of his friend's death he vowed to be revenged on Jack. One day Jack unluckily fell asleep in the woods and Blunderbore carried him to his enchanted castle and locked him in a room. He then went to fetch his brother to help eat Jack.

Jack trembled as he saw them coming but took courage for he found a strong cord in the corner of the room. He made a slipknot in each end and dropped it through the window bars over their heads, and pulled until he choked them black in the face. Then he slid down the rope and killed them.

The King's son heard of this and came to Jack, and told him that the Princess he wished to marry was in the hands of an enchanter—Gala Gantug—and no one could set her free. "I will free her," said Jack boldly.

He then went to the castle of a three-headed giant and took his invisible coat and hat and shoes. When Jack wore these the enchanter could not see him.

Over the giant's door hung a horn with these words upon it.

"Whoever can this trumpet blow  
Shall cause the giant's overthrow."

Jack blew a fearful blast, and all the animals about fell down dead. They were the people whom the giant had enchanted. The Prince found the Princess and they were soon married.

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