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The excellent civil conduct of the student body is an indication that they have come from well-governed homes. A visiting members of the Board of Trustees remarked publicly, after having spent a night here, that, although there are more students here than he had ever before seen here yet the general deportment was the best he had ever seen. There is an apparent if not a real absence of that wildness and boisterousness so disagreeably present sometimes, in a large student body. The increasing hostility in the public mind everywhere to the rough, boisterous, uncouth exhibition of incivility among college students is working a reformation in college life. Excesses in the form of capital punishment have been greatly lessened within the last seventy-five years. Thus the State has learned that brutality in the execution of law is not the best means of resisting evils in the civil government. Sixty years ago, when Lord Lytton was writing his novels against the excesses in the English criminal law, and Charles Dickens was writing his novels against the abuses in the English prison administration, there were more than a hundred—one hundred and nineteen—different capital offence statutes in the English criminal code. Now there are not over four and perhaps only three. Then the prison life of offenders was wretched. Now it is humane and highly expressive of an entirely different attitude of the public mind towards criminals. There is likewise far less of cruelty in parental and school government compared with the conditions sixty to seventy-five years ago. The brutality and general roughness in the college student life is passing out for a similar reason, viz: the way to correct the lawlessness in a "fies" is not by cruelty and intimidation and boisterousness but by civility and genteelness. The College student is at the most imitative period of his life, and if the College life into which he is thrown

is highly civil, he, although he may be rough himself, is likely to come to appreciate civility and imitate the civility around him. Push Elon to the front by the most highly civil life possible in the student body.

The Winning of Winona.

Chapter III.

As the fates would have it, the remainder of the tribe had gathered about the wigwam in which the "Wise Men" had assembled to take counsel, and Occonough, passed out of the village unnoticed, except by a few of the old hunting dogs, who barked at him a few times, but ceased presently, when they recognized that he was one of their masters.

Occonough was glad that he had escaped unobserved, because he knew that his people would abuse him and taunt him for faithlessness, if they should learn how he went. Never before had an Indian chieftain left his tribe without an accompanying band of warriors. This time custom was laid aside, and Occonough became innovator of first rank.

When the "Wise Men" had completed their deliberations, and had announced that a band of warriors, to be led by the chief should go immediately in search of the princess, much of the previous excitement vanished, and the squaws and young people returned to their occupations. A messenger was sent to the wigwam of the chief, to inform him of the decision of the Council. In a few minutes the messenger returned, running and loudly shouting, "Ah chehe shah wan," which I guessed to mean, the Chief has gone. Again frenzy seized an easy prey. Again the "Wise Men" met in their big wigwam. Again the crowd of women, children and warriors gathered outside to await the result, but a decision was not reached so soon this time. They talked long and seriously. When they adjourned they said, "The Great Spirit has been offended—we must fast two days, in order to appease the deity.

The days of fasting passed and Crow Foot returned. He had discovered the escape of his daughter before anyone else, and had spent the three days which had elapsed, in futile search for his lost child. The old warrior told a tale of sad disappointment, of his grief because he had seen no trace of the missing daughter. When Crow Foot had brought his story to a close, the "Wise Men" commenced again. This time they decided to choose a new chief, and the faithful old warrior was unanimously elected for this honor.

Again the village assumed something of its usual outward appearance. The squaws resumed their basket making, and dugged up small patches of ground here and there, and seeded it with corn. The older boys began their usual morning arrow practice, and the gallops upon their wild ponies, once more, and the small folk fondled again their old play-fellows, the dogs. But behind all this, there was a subtle melancholy, which had lingered despite the efforts of time to evadicate it. Many suns had come and faded into the nothingness beyond the western horizon, and the moon which was but a slender crescent when "Winona" went away had attained its maximum of silvery beauty, once, become a beautiful crescent again,

and was now a beaming orb again and still no word had reached them from the hapless chief and princess. The new chief had treated the band well, and they were loyal subjects. But something would not let them forget.

An old dog has followed Occonough as he left the tribe, and one day the old fellow, gaunt and worn, returned, and in his mouth he carried a piece of bark, which contained many pictures and symbols. It was a message from the young chief. It told a tale of misery and hardship, hardly thinkable. It mentioned days of hunger. It told of sleepless nights. How during all the days since the escape of the princess he had gone alone, and without shelter, save that of the blue canopy, through which twinkled the never dying candles in the "Land of the Sky." It was a splendid narration. The old dog had been his only companion. Surely his life during these days had been one of desolation. There were many times when he had had to seek safety in flight, either from some hostile enemy or the treacherous mountain lions. It ended by giving a picture of two fierce mountain lions upon the ground and a man up a tree.

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