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The Singing Leper. A Saxon king with merry thror Of nobles hunted in a wood At eventide, when lo! a song Most wondrous broke, a tremulous flood Of praise from distant lips unseen.

The hunters halted, listening keen To catch each nearing echo, till Among the trees a form unclean, A leper white moved up the hill Across their path, and sang the while. His livid features wore a smile; His wrinkled hands were clasped in prayer While living death, a master vile, Made all his flesh a thoroughfare

For swift and myriad-footed pain. And all the while he sang his strain; Then spake the king with stirring call, And bade him halt; and with his train The king moved on with care withal And questioned him with pitying gaze.

How sing you thus these words of praise When life is death?" A moment's pause, Then smiling answered he: "I raise My voice in songs of joy because Although a leper, yet I know

"That as my frame decays I grow More near the sure deliverance That comes from God, whose graces flow Through all the wastes of circumstance And moves by life and soul to Him."

The kinh's and nobles' eyes grew dim. Then to ming to his train the king Spake thus. "Unto the very brim Is this man's sorrow, yet they b Rejoicings, for he trusts his Lord

"This leper's voice shall here rec We have not hunted all in vain. Our spoils this day is as a sword Whose shining blade shall conquer pain. And to our homes we turn again With larger faith and nobler word. -Lyman Whitney Allen in the Independent

### KITTY DALE.

say, half in earnest and half in fun, "the the unfortunate man-must be a person | would she not accept his hand? She most necessary and desirable quality of the three. Although I would never The wedding was superb. Elegantly think of marrying a fool, or a man attired, her beauty was truly dazzling; whose ugliness I should be ashamed of, yet I think I would sooner talk sensibly float in the witching atmosphere of a for the one or shine for the other, pro- fairy land, she gave her hand to the and live in obscurity with any man, heart had chosen. however handsome and sensible he

the sequel will show. Without doubt that she was capable of deeper and life.

nobler sentments.

relative advantages and merits of her told her she deserved,

reputation among the early and more loved me?" discriminating portion of his acquaintances as being "a highly estimable strated Kitty. young man;" among his comrades as as he could be."

of Tom Wellington, his only rival.

called him the "Duke," was neither an hear." idiot, or hump-backed or bow-legged, would have made my story much more | the cold, deceitful thing you say I am, sensible, handsome, well-bred young cannot continue." man; and so far as I know, there was not a trace of the rascal in his composition. Besides these advantages, he, the son of one of our merchant princes, aspect. He fixed his eyes for a moment him to live superbly. He counted his tone: "I have decided to live with you thousands when his rival counted hun-

tirely on the influence he possessed over I will go mine. Neither shall stand in Kitty's heart. The "Duke," although the other's way. We will be free." just the man for her in every particular. as he was rich, handsome and sensible. could never succeed in winning her affections; and the amiable Frank could not or would not believe she would allow the better promptings of her nobler and better nature to be over-ruled by worldly considerations.

on knowing his fate, she startled him stand the meaning of the word man and by saying, with a deep-drawn sigh, "Ah, Frank, I am sorry we ever met!" "Sorry?"

"Yes, I have thought it all over; connecting link? Enough of this mumwe can never be anything but friends." "What!" exclaimed Frank, turning blonde mustache.

"Nevel, never," said Kitty in a tone I will be generous with you. You shall scarcely andible.

Frank sat down beside her on the sofa; mand." put his arm around her waist in spite of to her-to the proud Kitty-until she wept bitterly.

"Kitty," said he, in a tone full of | to open my eves?" tender emotion-"Kitty, I know that you love me, but you are proud, ambitious, selfish. If it is really your will that I should leave you, speak the word, and I will go."

"Go, then," murmured Kitty. "Have you fully decided?" asked Frank, hardly able to believe his ears.

"Yes." "Then, farewell!" He took her hand in his, looked for a moment at her pretty, tearful face, and

then, unable to control himself, pressed her passionately to his bosom. She not only submitted to his embrace without a struggle, but giving way to an irresistible impulse, threw her' arms lovingly around his neck. Sud-

denly, however, recollecting her resolution, she loosened her hold and pushed him from her with a sigh. "Shall I go?" he stammered.

A faint "Yes" fell from Kitty's lipslittle, grief seemed to wear itself out. Her tears ceased to flow and her breathing became more regular. Her head rested on her arm, and her face was half concealed beneath a flood of dark brown curls.

The struggle was over; the pain Wellington enter, and sprang up gaily married to me." to meet and welcome him. His "No; I thought that I had given my manner pleased her; his social position and wealth fascinated her. fortunate man-or, if you like it better, His heart, he said, had long been hers; who possesses these three qualities- would, and did. A kiss sealed the bewealth, good looks, sense. I name trothal; but it was no such kiss as she smiling through her tears; "and -there wealth first, because I think it is the had given Frank, and she could scarcely | it is!" suppress a sigh. Poor Kitty!

while everything around her seemed to

band was tender, devoted and loving; I know not how much of this came but all their friendship and all his tenfrom Kitty's heart; that some of it did derness were not sufficient to satisfy the longings of her woman's heart. She she built her full share of Spanish cas- had known what it is to love-to be tles, for her education in the duties and under the influence of that divine enobjects of life were exceedingly imper- chantment which cannot be bought and fect, if not absolutely false. But who- sold like chattels in the market; but her ever became acquainted with Kitty's heart seemed dead; it found no consouly womanly nature, could not doubt lation or sympathy in her fuxurious

Then came a change in her husband. And the time approached when Kitty | He could not long remain blind to the | be seated in her best rocking chair, and must take the important step—the most | fact that his love was not returned. He important in a woman's life-of which sought the companionship of those she had so often spoken so lightly; whose gaiety enabled him, in some rock, and rest yourself as long as you when she would give her friends an measure, to forget his grief; he betook like," Certainly this is the most inexopportunity to judge how much of her himself of those social byways which heart there was in the words we have are the refuge of so many disappointed of. It beats the 5 o'clock tea all hollow. husbands, and sought to warm his heart At the joyous age of eighteen she had at foreign hearths. Kitty complained a goodly number of suitors. As she to her husband that he had neglected never seriously encouraged but two, we her. He replied with reproaches that will follow her example, and leaving she had deceived him, had never loved the others unnoticed, consider the only him-reproaches that her conscience

"What right have you," he cried, "to Frank Gothwait possessed many ex- call me to account, go where I will, or cellent qualities, which gave him the do what I will-you who have never

"But it is wrong, sinful! remon-

"True," said he. "It is the sinful being "a very good fellow;" and among fruit of sinful seed. And who sowed the young ladies of being "just as nice this seed? Who gave me her hand without her heart? Who became the sharer Kitty loved Frank; she couldn't help of my fortune without giving me a share it, and Frank knew it. He was con- of her affections! Who has taught me vinced she preferred his society to that the pangs of unrequited love? No. no. do not weep and clasp your hands! I say This Tom Wellington, his comrades nothing that you do not deserve to out of place as a coal heaver going to

"I have not said I do not deserve your | pumps." all of which I wish he had been; it reproaches; but, whether I am or not interesting. On the contrary he was a you must see that this state of things

"I know it," he said, firmly, "Well?"

Wellington's brow bore a portentous possessed an income sufficient to enable on his wife, and then said, in a measured no longer, madam. I am tired of being called the husband of the charming Mrs. Frank rested his hopes, therefore, en- Wellington. You must go your road. "But the world?" cried poor Kitty,

"The world, ha!-the world will flatter you and admire you then as now. What more do you want? To call a simple joining of worldly interests, in accordance with certain forms, a union -what an absurdity! The farce has When he, however, one day insisted lasted long enough. But few underwife. And do you understand their meaning? Do you know that there can be no union unless mutual love be the

trembling.

mery! I will consult with my friends regarding the conditions of our separa- their report to the furriers of London suddenly, and pervously twisting his tion. No, no, you need have no fears, and Paris, who meet each year and de-

have as much of my fortune as you de-

He pushed her from him. She fell on a gentle "Don't do that," and letting the sofa, and from the depths of her his voice sink almost to a murmur, spoke | despair she cried: "Frank! Frank! why. why did I send you from me? Why was I so blind until this came upon me Driving the Animals Into a

> She laid upon the sofa, sobbing and weeping bitterly. Gradually her grief seemed to subside; she breathed calmly; her tears ceased to flow, and her lay lightly on arm, over which hung her loosened tresses in all their luxurious

"Frank!" she murmurs suddenly; 'dear Frank, come back to me, come back to me!"

"Here I am," said a gentle voice. She opened her eyes and raised her

nead. Frank stood beside her. "You have been asleep," said he, miling. "Asleep ?"

"Ay, and have been dreaming." "Dreaming?" murmured Kitty; "and s this all a dream ?"

"I hope so," taking her hand. knew you would not drive me from you so cruelly; so I waited in your father's room, where I have been talking with the next moment she lay alone, sobbing him for the last hour. I came back to and weeping on the sofa. But, little by plead my cause once more, and found you asleep where I left you."

"Ah, what a frightful dream!" murmured Kitty, rubbing her eyes. 'It was so like a hideous reality that I tremble when I think of it. I thought I was

"If it was so terrible," said Frank, was already stilled. She saw Mr. "I hope you did not dream you were

> hand to one who had not, and to whom I could never give my heart." "So, then, he to whom you give your hand must first have won your heart?"

"Yes, Frank, he must," said Kitty,

#### "A Drink and a Rock."

I shall never again say that the Massachusetts people are not hospitable, writes the New Orleans Picayune's Boston correspondent. A day or two ago vided he were rich, than to economize man that her ambition and not her I was driving along a country road just outside of Boston, and chanced to stop Her friends were numerous; her hus- at a farm house to inquire my way. An old lady came to the door and, having given me the information I desired, politely asked me to have, so she expressed it--- "a drink and a rock." By a "drink" I rather supposed she meant a glass of milk. The "rock" was a luxury the nature of which was beyond imagining. Satisfied, however, that it was something inviting, I accepted the offer with thanks, and, having tied my horse, went inside. My hostess thereupon requested me to poured me out a glass of water. 'Now,' she said "you can have a drink and pensive entertainment I have ever heard

Art Running to Extremes.

"Here, come into our sitting-room, will you?" said a Buffalo gentleman to a Courier reporter; "I just want to show you how art can be prostituted. My wife has gone and bought a stove and paid \$75 for it -\$40 for the heating apparatus and \$35 for those nickel gimeracks and figures on it, and those tiles jammed into it. I told her she had no sense of the fitness of things. If we want nickel statuettes and tiles, let's have 'em where they belong, and not on a pesky stove. A stove is made to give warmth, not to serve as a crockery cabinet. The next step will be art coalhods, art dish-pans, art potato-barrels and art rat-traps. The plainer and less conspicuous a stove is the better. A stove covered with these gewgaws is as work in a dress suit and patent leather

Nearly 400,000,000 People in China. The authorities of Pekin have recently omitted, makes the aggregate about 392,000,000. These figures are inde- zine. pendent of the population of Corea, Thibet and Kashgar. As the population of India exceeds 250,000,000, the Hindoos and Chinese constitute more than half the entire human race. [ -- London Times.

## Prices of Sealskins.

A Californian, largely interested in the fur seal industry, says that sealskins are expensive, not because they are scarce, but because the trade limits the ine must be pure or it will irritate insupply. If all the skins that could be stead of healing. taken were poured upon the market. the fur would become so common that it would cease to be desired by the wealthy. So the seal catchers agree upon the total number that they will put upon the market, and they make You need not weep and cling to me, cide upon prices.

## ELEPHANT HUNTING.

How the Monstrous Brutes are Captured Alive in India.

Funnel-Shaped Inclosure.

The first thing to be done is to find the herd of elephants which it is intended to hunt. Its position has been previously ascertained, as nearly as possible; but of course a few days or a few hours may have made some great changes, and some sudden alarm may have driven them all right away, or the herd may have become divided, or it may turn out that another herd has ap-proached it and may be induced, by adroit manœuvering, to join it. The herd having been found, without its being alarmed, the next thing is to surround it at a distance by a light cordon of men, and guide its unconscious steps toward the kheddah in which it is to be inclosed and captured. The general idea of a kheddah may be taken from an open pair of compasses, of which the round head or hinge represents the inclosure into which the elephants are to be driven; while the outspread arms of the compass represent the long lines of obstacles or scares by which the elephants are prevented from straving to one side or the other, so that they advance through the purposely undisturbed jungle in the centre, between the gradually converging lines of obstacles in the kheddah or inclosure already mentioned. The elephant is a timid and cautious animal. If it meets with any chopped branches of trees, or indications of the presence of the rabbit off it is a point in his favor. man, or anything to which its eyes are unaccustomed, it will not advance in the dog which catches the rabbit. A that direction. The real difficulty of - the hunter lies in mak- leads the followers of the dog and marks ing their lateral lines of obstacles suf- the points. In this way it is decided ficiently obvious to the elephants without alarming them too much. At this \$25 to \$100 are usually up on these early stage of the proceedings not a races, --- [Boston Transcript. man should show himself, lest the wild elephants should be frightened and make a stampede. The animal should be left to pride himself on his own cleverness at having detected signs of danger, in consequence of which he advances in what seems a safe direction. But as the devoted herd gets further and further into the funnel of the con- the fruit; he is destructive to the grape verging lines, much stronger measures crop, and a rapicious feeder thereupon. have to be adopted. Considerable Intendays, Sparrows in Australia robbed pressure is put on them from behind, to urge them on in the right direction; and simultaneously the visible obstacles along the sides have to be much strengthened and effectively guarded, to prevent the herd from breaking through them. As the elephants actually approach the kheddah itself there is no longer any concealment on the part of the hunters. The firing of guns and the beating of drums, and loud shouts and noises, with long lines of fires, made

comparatively silent and safe. With regard to the actual khed ih or inclosure, in which the clephants are captured, a few words may suffice. It is, of course, surrounded by a fence; but the posts and rails are huge trees and large branches stoutly intertwined, and strongly supported by groins to prevent them from yielding to the rush of the elephants trying to escape from their captors. And if there is time to dig it, a comparatively small ditch inside the fence adds greatly to its strength. The elephant sees the newly dug earth fears a pitfall. Its feet sink into mud and water, and the force of its charge against the fence itself is thus broken. Presently, when all the herd have entered the inclosure, a ponderous gate is closed behind them: and this gate has to be stoutly fortified, and also defended by a number of men, firing blank cartridges in the face of any elephant that charges at them. In the same way, the whole circle of the taken a census of the Empire, and as it kheddah is lined on its outer side with was for taxing purposes the proneness to men, firing guns and brandishing torches dis believe in the large estimates must to repel the charges of the elephants, be modified accordingly. The figures until the whole herd morally and physireturned by the village bailiffs made the cally collapses, and tries to shelter itself population 316, 383, 500, which together in whatever cover may still be found with the estimates of five provinces from the trees and jungle left standing inclosure. - Longman's Maga-

Cure for Chapped Hands.

Wash the hands with fine soap, and before removing the soap scrub them with a tablespoonful of Indian meal, rinsing thoroughly with soft tepid water, wipe the hands perfectly dry, then rinse them in a very little water containing a teaspoonful of pure glycerine, rubbing the hands together until the water has evaporated. The glycer-

Caught.

He-What will you have, dear, candy She-No, Edward, get me some pop-

corn, please. He-Do you like that stuff? pops. - [Harper's Bazar.

Coursing the Jack-Rabbit.

One of the most exhilarating sports known in the West is the jack-rabbit coursing on the plains. It is not indulged in in the Eastern States to any extent, owing to the lack of plains and jack-rabbits. But to many a man who has lived in the West the mere mention of the words will call up a train of memories of stirring dashes over the snow-covered prairies after the rabbit and hounds. .

A brace of racing greyhounds held with a leash, followed by a score or more of lovers of the sport on horseback, start out on a bracing winter morning, when there is a light covering of snow on the ground, for the places where the jack-rabbits are wont to congregate. The jack-rabbit is unknown to the eastern part of this country. He is the counterpart of the English hare. He is larger than the common rabbit or "cotton tail." He has long legs, and in a race is a runner worthy the attention of the fleetest of greyhounds. The coursers search in the snow for a fresh jack-rabbit track and follow it up. When the rabbit is spied the hounds are let loose and rush after him. The whole crowd of horsemen follow after, whooping and yelling and urging on their horses to the

top of their speed. The hounds do not at first attempt to catch the rabbit. They are too wary for that. They simply try to run him down. The jack-rabbit is an expert at dodging, and the hounds try to head him off whenever he attempts to make a sharp turn. At last by superior strength, and the advantage of two to one, they succeed in tiring him out, and he falls an easy victim. Every time a hound heads Two points are placed to the credit of referee, mounted on a swift, sure horse, which hound wins. Stakes of from

The Sparrow Nuisance. The English Sparrow is an enemy of our native songsters and drives them away; he is the foe of the gardener and fruit grower, because he expels the insectivorous birds, and then solaces himself with the young plants, the buds and a single vineyard of three thousand pounds of grapes. This bird is an enemy to the grain growth, and destroys the grain in the milk, as well as eats and wastes it in the ripened head. He defiles buildings and destroys the vines that cling to them. He is not a destroyer of insects. These boldy festoon the haunts of the Sparrow with webs, and fasten their cocoons to them. At first he had the reputation of destroying caterpillars, and the measuring worm. But now out of the dried grass and brushwood, our Cæsar feeds on more toothsome which have been collected for this purmeat. The State Entomologist of New pose, compel the affrighted animals to York has proven by observation, that push onward, until they finally enter the the caterpillar thrives where the Sparkheddah itself, where at first all seems row most abounds, and the same conclusion is reached by more than one English entomologist. The loss from Sparrows in England is put at four million dollars a year. In Australia the loss is greater, and in the United States it passes computation. - [Ameri-

> can Agriculturist. Wonderful Skill with a Rifle. B. A. Bartlett of Randolf, in this state, is a remarkable rifleman. In a recent exhibition of his skill he is said to have hit a common white bean at a distance of twenty-five yards, holding his rifle in various positions. He also hit a postal card that was set up edgewise. Using a thirty-two calibre ball he shot through a thirty-two calibre pistol barrel, the bullet splitting on a knife blade on the further end of the revolver barrel and each half of the bullet breaking an egg. He ignited a parlor match held by a person at the target stand, knocked the ashes from cigars and concluded by shooting a bean from the nose of a friend who had sufficient confidence in his skill to permit the attempt. All these remarkable shots are vouched for by reputable witnesses. --- [Chicago

An Unexplored Country. Morocco is sometimes called "China of the West," for it is fully as much behind the times, and is even more of a mystery. There is really less known about some parts of it to-day than there is about the centre of Africa. Its area has never been accurately computed, and its population has been variously estimated at from two and a half to eight millions; the very names of the tribes that compose it being unknown. Its high mountains, the loftiest on the Mediterranean, are unexplored, and many of its inland cities have never been entered by a European. - [Cosmo-

The Cause of It.

Wife (who has had her photograph taken) --- I think the expression about the mouth, John, is too firm.

Husband .- A trifle, perhaps; but it She-Yes; I like everything that was probably an effort for you to keep it shut, my dear .- [New York Sun.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

Norman Lockyer, the English scientist, claims to have discovered that the origin of the universe is found in the meteorite.

No less than 269 little planets are now known in the asteroid zone, sixty of them having been discovered by Dr. J. Palisa, the well-known astronomer of Vienna.

The municipal gardeners of Paris raise 232 varieties of apples in the or chard of the Luxembourg Gardens. The fruit is divided into three parts; the finest specimens are sent to the Prefect of the Seine, the second part is given to the Val-de-Grase Military Hospital and the third is sold to the great Paris restaurants.

The singular fact is demonstrated that, while the most rapid cannon shots scarcely attain a velocity of 600 metres a second-over 1,500 miles per hourmeteorites are known to penetrate the air with a velocity of 40,000, or even 60,000 metres per second, a velocity which raises the air at once to a temperature of from 4,000 to 6,000 degrees

Experiments with the "diffusion process" of extracting sugar from the cane, which have recently been made in Louisiana, are very encouraging to those who believe in this mode of manufacture. It is claimed that by the diffusion process almost all the sugar is extracted, and, on this account, that the cane can be profitably grown in this

There have recently been discovered in the high Alps, near the summit of the great St. Bernard, five large granite altars and a number of other relics of the stone age, such as axes, knives, etc., used in pagan epochs for sacrifices. Swiss writers emphasize the historical importance of this discovery, in that it is a proof that Mt. Saint Bernard was a place of sacrifice in pagan times, and also that as far back as the age of stone the Canton Valais was inhabited by human beings.

The plan for signalling accurate time from seacoasts was first adopted by Great Britain about thirty years ago. That country has now on its coasts fourteen time-balls and five other time signals, and its colonies and dependencies have twenty-six time-balls; Germany has seven time-balls; France, four time-balls and two other signals; Sweden and Norway, Austria-Hungary, Holland with Belgium, and the United States, have five time-balls each; Denmark has two; Spain and Portugal, one each; Italy, none.

Alfalfa, according to Prof. Morrow, Rhine, endured the drought better than any other forage plant on the farms of the University of Illinois, and red clover came next. Of the true grasses orchard grass was best for quickness of starting after cutting or after rain, and for the amount of food furnished while the drought was at its worst. Timothy was slow to start after cutting and did not respond readily to the rains. Blue grass stopped growing first of all the pasture grasses, but quickly revived after mod-

The use of oil by vessels at sea for soothing the waves in time of storm, appears to be on the point of very extended and practical application. It is stated that "sea breakers," appliances for the distribution of oil, have been patented both at home and abroad, and are used by all cattle-carrying steamers and some other vessels, while a special oil is now manufactured for the purpose The hydrographer of the United States has published within the last two years, in pamphlet form, digested from the Monthly Pilot Chart, a list of 120 authenticated cases in which furious seas were allayed by the use of oil.

The Chloral Habit.

Chloral hydrate is one of the best sleep-producers known to science. It leaves few pernicious after-effects, and does not lessen pain like opium or produce the delightful, dreamy condition that follows the use of the last-named drug in many people. As taken by some natural in order to be refreshing. The effect of chloral is to induce an artificial condition resembling natural sleep some respects, but not giving the weary brain all the rest it needs in order that waste of substance shall be followed by complete repair. The chloral habit is not easily formed, for the taste of the mixtures in which it is necessarily given is not pleasant. are instances of it being formed and the consequences are mental and physical debility, the former sometimes amounting almost to complete imbecitity. Like the other drugs of its class, it should not be taken except by the advice of a competent physician. Insomnia-sleeplessness-is bettor treated by exercise carried to fatigue, by baths, avoidance of stimulants, including tea and coffee, and by methodical attention to diet, ventilation of sleeping apartments, and massage when necessary, than by any of the drugs which produce a condition more or less closely imitating sleep .- [Herald of Health.

Wealth Untold. Seek your treasure, and you'll find It exists but in the mind. Wealth is but the power that hires Blessings that the heart desires; And if these are mine to hold Independently of gold, And the gifts it can bestow, I'm richer than I know!

> Rich I am if, when I pass 'Mid the daisies on the grass, Every daisy in my sight Seems a jewel of delight! Rich am I, if I can see Treasure in the flower and tree, And can hear 'mid forest leaves Music in the summer eves: If the lark that sings aloud, On the fringes of the cloud, Scatters melodies around Fresh as raindrops on the ground; And I bless the happy bird For the joy it has conferred; If the tides upon the shore Chant me anthems evermore; And I feel in every mood That life is fair and God is good! I am rich if I possess Such a fund of happiness, And can find where'er I stray Humble blessings on the way, . And deserve them ere they're given By my gratitude to heaven. -[Chambers' Journal.

> > HUMOROUS.

A watch that don't run doesn't need

The most insane of the cereals is un-

doubtedly cracked wheat. Money is so tight now that some people haven't even any loose change. A poet sings: "A little further on I

shall find rest," Keep him moving. The man who is slow to express an opinion might just as well send it by

The thing that a woman always knows best is how some other woman ought to dress.

Odd, isn't it, but people who pass their lives, so to speak, on beds of down, seldom get down in the mouth.

Giving slippers to clergymen has gone out of fashion. The disobedient children get them just the same, however. George Westinghouse, Jr., inventor of the air brake, is worth \$9,000,000. This is, perhaps, the largest fortune

ever made out of wind. When you see a man on a moonlight night trying to convince his shadow it is improper to follow a gentlement you may be sure it is high time for him

to join a temperance society. Daughter-Wasn't Julius Cæsar one of the strongest men that ever lived, pa? Father-What makes you ask that question? Daughter-I was just reading that he threw a bridge over the

Six Stricken Sioux.

In 1881 I was hunting some lost

horses in the broken country west of the Big Horn river. I had ridden all the morning over a country that was strange to me. About eleven o'clock I crossed a plateau, and was surprised to come suddenly to the edge of a canyon, the existence of which I had not even suspected. In the canyon was a stream with clumps of cottonwood timber along its banks, and in one of the open spaces was an Indian lodge. The Indians that hunted in that country were peaceable, but the war was just over, and the Sioux was feeling very sore. If they were Crows or Arapahoes I might get some information about my horses. I lay down and watched. No smoke came from the tepee; no one moved around it; half a dozen ponies grazed a few hundred yards distant. There was not even a dog, which looked rather suspicious. After waiting five minutes I knew no more than at first. Suddenly three white-tailed deer came from the timber and walked leisurely across the opening. Then I knew that the camp was deserted, and the strangeness of it startled me. I mounted and rode down to the creek, and straight to the tepee. I threw back the flap, and I shall remember what I saw until death. In the centre of the tepee was spread a buffalo robe and on the robe were guns and scalps and many arrows; and sitting cross-legged in a circle as an habitual dose to induce sleep it is around the robe were six braves of not free from danger. Sleep should be the Sioux Nation. All were in their prime-all decked out in war paint, and each one held a bow and arrow in his hand. On every face was an expression of calm indifference, as of one who neither suffers nor enjoys, neither hopes nor fears. The faces were those of dead men, and small-pox had marked them with its awful mark. They took their misery with their heads up, and even the horrors of this disease could leave upon their hearts no stain of fear, upon their brows no marks of suffering. And this that their God might judge them men, and fit them to pitch their camps forever in the groves and green fields of paradise. Washington Star.

A Hard Hit, "If I were bald as you," said Gus Smith to one of the most prominent citizens of Austin, "I would wear a

"I don't see why you should ever wear a wig if you were bald," was the quiet response. "An empty barn doesn't need any roof." -- [Siftings,