

ASTONISHING THE NATIVES

A Celebrated Prestidigitateur Among the Indians.

How a Blood-Thirsty Band of Savages Was Fooled and Put to Flight.

Indians everywhere, the plains seemed alive with them, the most treacherous and cowardly of the many tribes of the redman, the marauding Crows.

The selected teamster went beyond the enclosure, while Zanolni, the conjurer, aided by one of the men, lifted a trunk from the wagon that belonged to him and began turning over and arranging the contents.

He was preparing himself to execute his astounding illusions, of which more will be related in the proper place.

The emigrants thought that he did was for the purpose of assuming an air of indifference, so no particular attention was paid to his actions.

The representative of the party stood outside waiting for the Indians. Four of them dismounted and walked toward him in a friendly manner while the rest held the horses.

"Indian no want scalp," he said, "want powder," and he gave the teamster to whom he was speaking to understand that if they were furnished with what powder the white man had in stock they would escort the party across the plains and protect them from other tribes.

Give them the gunpowder belonging to the train! A modest request. The representative of the white men mildly refused.

Well, then, would the train men give them bullets; they never had any in want of bullets. "Your dead right hand, redskin," replied the teamster equivocally; "you want our bullets bad, and if so be you insist on it you'll get 'em, but that'll be 'bout the only thing you will get."

CATCHING BULLETS. Zanolni now made his appearance; he whispered to the teamster, who immediately withdrew.

"You boss?" said the spokesman of the Indians suddenly, as he noticed Zanolni.

"No, I'm Powwow, medicine man. You can't hurt these men or horses. I save them."

The Indian translated this to his companions, who grinned appreciatively and incredulously.

"See," said Zanolni, "you can't shoot me here," and he drew a revolver, a weapon that never had been introduced throughout the great West at the time, "fire at me."

The Indian smiled grimly. "You don't want me kill you?" he asked scornfully.

"You can't." "The beady eyes of the Indian flashed.

"Shoot!" said Zanolni, folding his arms. The Indian hesitated a moment and looked suspiciously at the white men in the enclosure and at the revolver.

Then he turned to his companions and spoke to them in their own language. They all responded vehemently.

The Indian thrust the pistol toward the conjurer. "You say, shoot?" said he.

"Shoot!" cried Zanolni again. The Indian fired.

Zanolni sprang and walking toward the Indian handed him a bullet.

The Indian looked paralyzed. Zanolni showed him how to fire it again. The Indian fired the other five shots. Zanolni caught every bullet, sometimes seeming to catch one from his breast, sometimes from his head or his face or whatever part of his person the savage aimed at in firing, and each time he handed the bullet to the Indian.

The Indians present one and all were now in a state of wildest excitement, for one may be very sure they had never dreamed of such a useful article, the conjurer's pistol, still less that to make a revolver on the same principle requires little extra pains. The bullets were real, of course, but the charges in the chambers were mere frauds and deceptions. All the Indians, like so many children, were now eager to shoot, and Zanolni was quite ready to accommodate them.

He took seven pistols from his trunkful of wonders and proceeded in their presence to load each one. He first put in

LADIES,

Wouldn't it be far to your advantage and much easier to do shopping if you could take a promenade down J street and find every store (or building) vacant and the same on K street, with the exception of one store all thrown into one built large enough to carry all the goods in Sacramento? Only think how nice it would be, and you would have lots of money to spend and live fine. Husbands out of work and children barefooted. This you would call progress, and this big store would be working for the dear people, looking after their interests. Oh, my, "How nice it would be," and how kind this merchant would be.

Now, we believe in distributing trade and patronizing other stores that sell cheaper, even if their stores are not as large. "Our little hole in the wall on J street," we would call your attention to our show window with many goods ticketed their selling price. See them, and answer yes or no whether you ever saw such values before. We quote a few, for we know that we are selling more millinery and at a far less price than any other store in the city. We know we sell anything in our line at a less price than any other house in Sacramento. We do not only do it now but we have always sold the same quality of goods less.

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of the powder and then the wadding and lastly the bullet, and the Indians saw him do it. He handed each as he loaded it to one of the savages. Suddenly one of them without warning fired at him. Zanolni, without appearing to have noticed him, raised his hand and seemed to catch a bullet from his forehead. He tossed it toward the Indian who had fired at him. The red man picked it up with an air of stupefaction, but instantly his stolid features assumed as much a look of superstitious fear and horror as an Indian's face may be supposed to be capable of expressing, for the bullet of lead had suddenly melted in his hand and became a dot of gore. He waved his blood dripping hand above his head, shouting, "Medicine! Medicine! Heap medicine!" Meanwhile the conjurer had the rest fire and six reports rang out in quick succession. Zanolni took off his hat and showed it to the Indians, who, to their amazement, beheld their six bullets in the hat.

To the unsophisticated eyes of the savages those large pistols were more orthodox weapons than the more modern revolver though, as may be suspected, they were really the more common magical firearms from which, in the act of apparently ramming home the ball, the latter is secretly seized by the hollow head of the ramrod and brought back to the performer's hand.

THE SWALLOWING ACT. These pistols had, after having been discharged, all been placed in Zanolni's hat. "Do you want to fire at me again?" asked the conjurer.

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Then, as if, were it possible, to increase their astonishment, he took up the first bottle he had shaken from the blanket, and which had to all appearances already supplied much more than his natural contents, and began to fill the dozen new ones from it. The least impressive of the savages might well be amazed at this display of the inexhaustible bottle and an ever-flowing fountain of whisky. "Before I give you any more," he said, "let me show you it is real fire water." He poured some from his bottle into a tin cup, and immediately a great flame of fire started up from the liquor. The Indians were thoroughly bewildered and frightened.

"TOO MUCH FOR THE RED MEN." "Here," he said, "taste and see that it is real fire water." He poured some from his bottle into a tin cup, and immediately a great flame of fire started up from the liquor. The Indians were thoroughly bewildered and frightened.

Flames of fire seemed to issue from his mouth. They turned and ran toward their horses.

"The Indian is like all savages, perhaps it may be said like all human beings, superstition. These men saw in Zanolni a terrible demon, who could exert over them their ponies, and away they went, urging their steeds to the top of their speed; but, as fast as they went, a swift meteor of fire preceded them, and suddenly burst, with an incandescence visible in its excessive brightness, into a digital burst into a shower of innumerable fiery serpents. These rushed, hissing, down upon the heads of the terrified crowd, who lashed their ponies to a still madder gallop, and disappeared. Zanolni came back into the enclosure. "Gather up these bottles and the rest of the skyrockets," he said. "Tackle up the kit, and let's be off."

Instantly the men of his party arose and obeyed. The train traveled all that day, and camped the night after untroubled.

Nothing more was seen of the Indians. "They won't dare to pursue us," said Zanolni, confidently. "They will have a story to tell their tribe that will be the wonder of the savages for many a long year to come."

The conjurer was right. Not only did they not pursue us, but all the remainder of that year and the next no travelers on that route were molested.

Good Advice. During the reign of Charles II. one Signor Leti proposed to write a history of the court. "You will give offense," urged his friends. "Were I as wise as Solomon," he said, "I could not avoid that." "Then be as wise," rejoined the King, who was present, "and write proverbs, not history."

Sir Robert Biddulph, Governor of Gibraltar, has gone to London to confer with the Commander-in-Chief and the War Department, as the batteries that the Spanish have recently constructed at Algeiras and other points on the mainland and filled with modern guns may make it necessary to remodel the defenses of the rock that has always been reputed impregnable.

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COMMERCIAL.

AN EASIER FEELING PREVAILS IN WHEAT CIRCLES. Futures Less Active, and Spot Values Lower—Barley Not as Firm as It Has Been.

San Francisco, May 12th. An easier feeling prevails in wheat circles; futures are less active; spot values are lower. Barley is not as firm as it has been; spot feed is unchanged, but this week, as cutting has begun. Slow inquiry for oats; no changes in prices. A liberal amount of corn came down today from Washington; there is a fair demand at previous prices.