

might know again the elasticity of youthfulness, and be an enthusiast too. It is worth the experiment to the *bliss*, if only a new sensation is sought for. It is worth the expense, time, and money hardship, to spend an August and September in a buffalo hunt upon the Pawnee Fork of the Arkansas, if only to see your corpulent shadow fall like an ink-spot upon the grass.

It is generally taken for granted that invalids had better stay where the chances are in favor of their being nursed unto the death. That New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston, with their many physicians and many smells, are the most desirable abiding places for those who take cheap tonics into the account, is admitted without argument. But Kansas is excellent to rid the valentinarian of the dumps; and there is no one so delicately gibbered together, but that a roystering outdoor life will benefit him physically, if there be recuperative energy in him. By the law of Western metaphysics, the weak complainant, with cold in his head, rheumatism in the toes, and small of his back out of tune, under the force of circumstances, is first changed into a Nimrod, and then gradually transforms into a Sampson; when he wishes to die, Kinker says, he must return East.

Kit Carson is of slight, like build, and anything externally rather than the cast-iron hero which school-children dream him to be. Who pens this line is not at all formidable in "outward form and semblance," and when preparing to go into the wilderness for the first time, was afflicted with many grave prophecies of what was in prospective. One or two indifferent-looking girls were apprehensive his complexion might suffer; while their big brothers sagely concluded, that the first day beyond a spring of good water would dry him up, so that a gust of wind might blow him into the clouds, or the sun, beaming through his attenuated form, would cast no shadow, and having lost that, he might no longer be able to find the less material part of himself. Nevertheless, he survived to aid at the funeral of several fat giants, and to rejoice in the acquisition of many new pounds of solid flesh. The fact is, that the nervous-billious, cadaverous, active fellow, so puny in the city, may be the paragon of firm endurance; and, if he have the soul of manhood in him, can not fail to make a pattern pioneer.

The Indian population of Kansas is at present about 25,000, and, as elsewhere, it is yearly diminishing. Mr. Greene has no very exalted opinion of the Indian character; not even of the physical part of the race. Here is a really beautiful picture of the Kansas prairie, with Indians figuring in it like statues in a garden:

In tranquil summer time the Osage country has the plain, yet dreamy beauty of the Flemish landscape. Over all a Sabbath serenity is diffused, and grassy knoll and leafy wood are bathed in a soft and subdued lustre, which is indescribably soothing, and inspires loftiest impulses. Remembrances come to me now of one full August of soul-felt enjoyment, because it was life so novel and so free, every evening of which my blanket was spread on one or the other of its tufted hill-tops. Then, goldenly the sun would go down, and crimson banners of clouds would follow in his royal wake. The tall grass would wave beneath the zephyr, stealing up like a pet bird of stillness, from the twilight reaches of the dell beneath. The swarthy figure of some solitary Indian horseman would fit near, and disappear by a path leading into the hollow of a stream. And, perchance, a group of symmetrical pagan boys would come to amuse us with a game of arrows; and it was very pleasant to watch them in the gathering dimness, unlike the boisterous plays of our own children, they were so stealthy in their movement, making no exclamations of joyousness, so much a part of the sacred quietude of nature; their crimson-colored limbs, their innocent clothing, and of Phidian mold, coming out in clear-cut relief against the sky, as with spirit-like softness and rapidity they shifted their positions, as a dried fragment of horse-collar would be placed upon the bow of the archer, then flung high into the air, and caught in the hands of others ere it could reach the ground, with the overtaking arrow quivering in it. Those were evenings of primeval beauty, many more of which may not set over Osage land.

The Osages are inimitable in the expression of their gesture. Having seen an ox die, in the yoke, with a broken neck, one of them went through the scene in pantomime that was painful to look at, and with a fidelity that told the fact better than words. The spasmodic contraction of the legs, the writhing of the muscles, the rolling of the distended, glaring eye, as the strong brute struggled in the sudden agony of death, were all delineated with a truthfulness appalling to a spectator "with nature in his heart."

In this act of mimicry their keen sense of the grotesque also finds its language. A chief, having been at St. Louis, had seen a fire engine play, and to describe it took a gill of water into his mouth, then placing his arms stiffly in a horizontal line, from one fist to the other, he moved them slowly up and down like a saw, of which his body was the fulcrum, while from his puckered lips was spun out three yards or more of a steady jet of water.

But, with all their comicality and good traits, they are treacherous, and have been known to murder those who trusted to their hospitality.

LAWS OF VERMONT.

SESSION OF 1855.

No. 1.—An Act fixing the time of holding the Supreme Court in the County of Washington. It is hereby enacted, by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, as follows: Sec. 1. The Supreme Court for the County of Washington, shall hereafter be held on the 4th Tuesday of November, annually.

No. 2.—An Act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to prevent traffic in intoxicating liquors for the purpose of drinking," approved November 23, A. D. 1852, as amended by an act approved December 6, A. D. 1853, entitled "An act to amend an act to prevent traffic in intoxicating liquors for the purpose of drinking," approved November 23, 1852.

No. 3.—An Act in addition to chapter fifteen of the Compiled Statutes, relative to assignments. It is hereby enacted, &c.

No. 4.—An Act in amendment of section seven of chapter sixteen of the Compiled Statutes, relative to the collection of taxes. It is hereby enacted, &c.

No. 5.—An Act in amendment of chapter eighty-one of the Compiled Statutes, relative to the collection of taxes. It is hereby enacted, &c.

No. 6.—An Act in amendment of chapter sixty-five and sixty-four of the Compiled Statutes, relative to the homestead and widow's dower. It is hereby enacted, &c.

No. 7.—An Act in amendment of chapter twenty-eight of the Compiled Statutes, relative to the jurisdiction of the supreme court. It is hereby enacted, &c.

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