

## HERE'S THE REASON THEY CALL THE GREAT AMERICAN SCOUT "BUFFALO BILL"



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Here is broncho-busting, sharp-shooting, prairie-crossing, Indian-fighting "Wild West Buffalo Bill!"

He has been in more Indian fights than any other living man!

He made his name as a scout and guide during the civil war when the man who ventured into the unknown country carried his life in his hand!

He was THE most daring rider of the "Pony Express" which was organized in 1860—and in that were only daring riders!

He originated the wonderful "Wild West show" which every live American boy manages to see at least once!

And the best part of the whole story is that this real hero of civil war days is still VERY MUCH ALIVE.

His right name is Col. William F. Cody. But maybe you have often wondered how and where he got the title of "Buffalo Bill." It isn't just a mythical name which he adopted because he liked it. There is a real reason for it!

Away back in 1857, Col. Cody made a contract with the Kansas Pacific railroad to supply its employes with all the meat needed while the line was being constructed. He carried out this agreement just the same as he always done everything else—right to the dot.

In 18 months he killed 4,280 buffalo.

The men in camp and the men on the range knew this and thought it such a wonderful achievement that they nicknamed the colonel "Buffalo Bill." The name stuck to him and