

STANDING ROCK AGENCY.

SCENES AT THE DISTRIBUTION OF BEEF AMONG THE INDIANS.

A Crowd of Savages Waiting for Their Monthly Issue of Rations—At the Standing Pen—Sitting Bull and Gault, the Chief.

Early on Oct. 7, 1886, I was comfortably seated in an open buckboard, with my knees under a buffalo robe to keep out the cold and the thriving town of Mandan, Dakota, was rapidly disappearing behind me.

Later that afternoon we drew near the agency. We passed many Indians on foot, or riding their ponies. Tepees or Indian tents began to appear in great numbers. Crowds of Indian boys, clad even on this cold day in only a cotton shirt and deer skin moccasins, were playing in the road.

The next morning the officer at Fort Yates, whose name I suggested, suggested our driving to the "killing." I learned that there were two slaughter pens, one north and one south of the post, and both distant about two miles from it.

The inspecting and branding of the cattle had already been completed, and the shooting commenced when we arrived. The cattle were confined in an open stockade, and were shot down from the outside by Indians detailed for the purpose.

Sitting here and there in little groups were some old fellows whose age had cooled their love for bloodshed.

My heart pointed out to me a buck who was, perhaps, 50 years of age. He was tall, and had a slight stoop in his shoulders. He wore moccasins, trousers, and a blue checked cotton shirt.

Other vocal sounds of a more lugubrious character were heard on all sides. One woman was seated on the ground, rocking herself to and fro, uttering most piteous wails.

One beef creature is allowed for a certain number of Indians and she grouped accordingly. When the shooting was over the stockade gates were opened, and one representative from each group pushed forward with his yoke of oxen or team of ponies eager to seize upon the biggest and fattest steer.

An ingenious fellow is traveling through Platte, Nebraska selling "a valuable preparation" under the name of "Lynch's." This valuable preparation is wood ashes, which he begs from the farmers along the road, sifts, puts up in neat boxes and sells for a quarter a box.

ART OF SELF DEFENSE.

Julian Hawthorne's Ideas Concerning the Use of Fists—Instinct.

It is difficult to understand how there could ever have been a period in the world's history when what has been called the noble art of self-defense (with the fists understood) was an art unpracticed or unknown.

When a boy is insulted, when his rights are invaded, when he feels himself in danger of losing something for which he cares, he will fight. It is a natural and proper thing for him to do.

Of course, in an artificial age, and among civilized nations, there may be boys who are corrupt and inhuman from their birth, and such boys may, for aught I can tell, act, under provocation, in either one of the objectionable ways enumerated above.

The Originator of Lynch Law. Andrew Elliott, who was L'Enfant's subordinate in laying out Washington city, and who managed to supplant him, afterwards surveyed the line between the United States and the Spanish colonies in Florida.

"Capt. Lynch," wrote Mr. Elliott, "was the author of the Lynch laws so well known and so frequently carried into effect some years ago in some of the states, in defiance of every principle of justice and jurisprudence."

"The Lord and the Queen." While in Perthshire recently Queen Victoria requested an old Highland laird to visit her, and when he did so very graciously received him, thanked him for coming and then explained why she wished to see him.

Little Bobby Speaks. Young Minister (making an evening call)—I am sorry, Mrs. Hendricks, to learn that Miss Clara is spending the evening out.

A "Composite" Etching. Wife—Did you pay much for this etching I sent an artist's proof. Husband—Oh, yes, it is.

Wife—Well, it looks very blurred and indistinct. Husband—Oh, they're all the go now. That's one of those composite etchings you read of so much in the magazines nowadays.

THE DUPES' DIRECTORY.

VALUABLE LISTS WHICH ENABLE SWINDLERS TO CATCH VICTIMS.

How the City Directories are Compiled and Used to Flood the Mails—Explanation of Snide Advertisements and Swindling Circulars.

It has often puzzled people to understand how the petty swindlers of our great cities succeed in flooding the country with their circulars, and in almost every instance getting their propositions to people who, if they do not become dupes, at least read or consider them.

Of course, in a large city like New York there are plenty of legitimate calls for lists of persons who may be interested in buying this or that article, and several well known publications are devoted to the compilation of such lists.

In the business of compiling lists for swindlers there is an entire change in the methods used, and a peculiarity which will be noted at once by inquirers is that a dupes' directory, as such a list may be termed, is composed preferably of persons in difficulties.

Besides the actual copying off of lists of names which are found in the public buildings of every small town on the tax list or real estate records, the common method employed by dealers in such lists is to send out circulars couched as follows:

"DEAR SIR—We are engaged in the manufacture and sale of one of the best stoves ever made in this country. It is a patent device, whereby a novel arrangement of draught flues saves 50 per cent of the amount of coal used in other stoves.

No one but those in the business have any idea of the number of persons who go to work and write out the 250 names and send them on, never to hear any more of the wonderful stove or its manufacturers.

Whenever a scheme is broken up by the authorities an attempt is made to seize the list of dupes, and invariably the attempt is foiled. Evidently the experts in this kind of business know the money value of such lists, which are guarded with the utmost care.

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FOR SALE—On reasonable terms my residence on the N. W. corner of Elm and 11th streets. Said property consists of 4 block with a good story and a half house of six rooms, two wardrobes and one pantry; good well and city water; twenty-seven bearing apple trees, and an abundance of small fruit of all kinds.

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