

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—Mr. Dudley Buck is writing the music to the libretto for a comic opera by Mr. W. A. Crofut.

—The feature of the February number of Macmillan's Magazine is King Cetywayo's story of the Zulu nation and the Zulu war.

—Mr. Bret Harte, it is reported, is about to resign his consulate and return to America. The German climate has been unkind to him, and he has been far from well.

—Mrs. Olyphant, who has serials now running in both Fraser's and Macmillan's magazines, is probably the most prolific of living writers. Within the last three years she has published five or six novels—several of them being three-volume novels—in addition to editing the "Foreign Classics for English Readers." She is now writing a novel with Scotch scenes and characters.

—Mr. Wm. Black, the popular novelist, writes with great facility and rapidity, though he spends but little time in consecutive composition. He often writes in a day the result of the observations of a week passed in secluding illness. He is said to have accomplished an enormous amount of journalistic work at the time he was writing his earlier novels.

—Miss Mary Sprague, the author of the bright novel "An Earnest Trader," is an Ohio girl of twenty-two or twenty-three, whose experience in travel has scarcely extended beyond her return home to Boston, where she was a guest at the Holmes breakfast. On her return she beamed for a few days on New York, and enjoyed greatly its society, amusements, and the numerous private entertainments, etc., etc. She is rather slight in figure, has a pleasant face, is perfectly simple, graceful, bright, and witty, and does not in the least affect any airs.

—Gilbert, the playwright, is as practical in the management of stage affairs, as he is fanciful in the construction of dramas. Drilling a Philadelphia company for the production of his "Pirates," he insisted upon every actor doing the business of his part just as he is instructed, and demands as much attention to detail from a chorus singer as from a vocalist. He is lithe, restless, persistent, he will show his teeth, and his dancing-master more affable. And he gets all the work accomplished that he desires.

—Ice-cutting on the Kennebec in Maine employs 25,000 laborers, who have just had their pay raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50.

—The peanut crop of Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina is estimated at about 1,835,000 bushels—an increase of about 600,000 bushels over last year.

—Palmetto paper manufacture is one of the established industries of the State, where the material is plenty and transportation easy.

—Manufacturing clothing in Chicago gives employment to 30,000 people, and the value of the goods made is \$10,000,000. This industry has doubled in four years.

—The Swiss exports to the United States in 1879 show an increase of 15,000,000 francs on those of 1878, the chief items of increase being cotton goods, watches, and embroidery.

—Leipzig, Germany, has put on the market colored inks, which may be used for writing labels on glass, iron, marble, mother of pearl and metal. The writing is done with a goose-quill, and when dry, adheres so firmly that it can not be removed by any liquid. Four different colors are made, black, white, red, and blue.

—The oldest turpentine fields north of Newbern, N. C., are well nigh abandoned, the industry having been largely diverted to the more productive pine forests of South Georgia. But there are, according to the Raleigh Observer, immense tracts of virgin pine forests in the southern belt of North Carolina, capable of supplying Wilmington with naval stores for a century.

—Herr Hambruch has patented in Germany a revolver lead pencil, containing three, four or more leads in separate partitioned tubes, placed concentrically to the outer tube, and capable of being turned round in different positions, so as to bring different leads successively opposite to the mouth of the pencil. A plate, with aperture, in the outer case allows passage of only one lead at a time.

—In a work on the principles of light and color, the author, Dr. Habbitt, contends that if a yellow or amber colored body of water be exposed to a strong light, the water within will become medicated so that it will act as a laxative and animating principle generally, while the water exposed in a blue bottle will act as astringent, sedative and narcotic. The experiment can easily be tried.

—The Baptist theological seminaries in the United States have 450 young men studying for the ministry.

—From April 1, 1879, to January 1, 1880, the receipts from donations and legacies of the American Baptist Missionary Union amounted to \$59,516.66.

—The McKendree Methodist congregation at Nashville, Tenn., since the burning of their new church edifice has used the Jewish synagogue, kindly offered by the Israelites of Nashville.

—The teachers in the primary departments of the nine Leadville schools receive \$60 per month, and those in the intermediate departments \$75. The schools are excellent in work and spirit.

—It is stated that since 1870 Mississippi has spent upon Alocorn University and the two colored normal schools the sum of \$290,700. This is exclusive of expenditures for the colored public schools.

—A committee of Wisconsin teachers recommend that no State certificate be granted to any person except upon examination, and then not until after he has successfully taught for at least five years.

—The Italian teachers propose to organize a mutual benefit association, as there is "no preparation by the State or otherwise for the support of superannuated teachers," as the Italian teachers have been broken down by earnest and faithful work in the school-room.

—Superintendent Stone, of Springfield, has obtained good results from written tests demanded on the spur of the moment from the pupils. It is an excellent way of judging of the penmanship and of the intellectual readiness and accuracy of the pupil.

—Foreign Notes.

—Mr. Eugene Schuyler, the American Consul in Rome, is living in the Altapalace, and he is about to entertain M. and Mrs. Waddington. It will be remembered that Mr. Schuyler married Mrs. Waddington's sister.

—Queen Victoria is the owner of a silver-gilt casket in which are lockets containing locks of hair of thirteen officers who fell at Isandla. Each locket is engraved with the name of the officer, and the name of the officer, together

TWO SIDES TO A YBOLIC.

A Story for the Young Folks.

Bert was on one side of the fence and the boys on the other. His hand was on the gate but he had not quite made up his mind to open it.

"What is the use of moping in the house such a splendid day as this? Come on out and have some fun."

"I ought to study my Latin," said Bert, reluctantly, as he remembered the long, dry lesson.

"Both the Latin: it's no use, any way. I'd like to see any body getting irregular verbs out of me," said Will Moore.

Bert laughed a little at the idea of getting any thing out of Will's brain, that never had much but mischief in it, and then he slowly drew a long breath and went out. It was a glorious night, with just enough frost in the air to make it cool and crisp, while the white moonlight almost revealed the clouds of the night sky, and the flames flamed all day in the hot sunshine.

"Where are you going?" asked Bert.

"Oh, just around town," said Val, who came opposite to Dr. Parker's gate, which stood a little way open. In an instant Val lifted it off the hinges and laid it in the gutter.

"I'll teach him to keep his gate shut," laughed Will, and Bert laughed, too, though he felt ashamed of himself, for every body liked Dr. Parker.

A few blocks further on were some snow drifts on the side of the street.

"Will gave Val a nudge, and with one stout tug the steps were up."

"That's too mean," said Bert, "I suppose some one should stop off their feet."

"Pooh!" said Val, "it is light as day, and nobody ever does go down there except old Bajah, when he is in a hurry to get home. Serve him right if he pitched over."

Bert knew he was in bad company, but he was beginning to enjoy the excitement of the adventure, and when certain that he was not to be seen, he fastened the sign from a little shop, and fasten it to the horns of Mrs. McPherson's cow, he was ready to lend a hand himself. Old Whitey, who was peacefully chewing her cud in the street, pulled from her owner's garden; and before she realized that any mischief was intended, she found herself blundering about with her head fastened over her feet.

The sign read, "Dressmaking and Fine Sewing; all kinds of Hair Work. Ladies' Hair Dressed in the latest styles."

The boys laughed so much over this that they were in danger of being found out. But at last Bert said he must go home, and that ended the frolic for the night.

His own room he tried for a little while to fix his mind upon his lesson, but soon found himself laughing at the thought of the figure the cow would cut in the morning.

"It's a good thing that the cow is not in the street," he thought, as he looked at the book aside and went to bed. This was one side.

The other side began the next morning, when, with Bert's first waking, he saw that the cow was in the street, and that she was in a very awkward position, and that she was in a very awkward position, and that she was in a very awkward position.

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"I would have made a very amiable private gentleman, and could have got far more ease and amusement out of life if he had handed all the boisterous government over to his brother Constantine. He himself could hardly have wanted to reign. He is subject to melancholy periods of hypochondria, and during which existence seems but a weary penance to be kept in. He is afraid of sudden death and by the dread of assassination. At these times he mopes about on apparently solitary walks with a large dog, but there is always a policeman on hand to keep his screams from approaching him. When well he devotes much of his time to tailoring, changing his costume with most persistent perseverance, and he likes to be attended by a very amiable councillor, who acts as foil to his fine figure and sets off, for he is a well-built man, tall and straight, though rather too German in the rotundity of countenance.

When his Majesty is in the humor he plays a good deal at cards with his own chums, and it is rather a good thing for those gentlemen, for whenever any one dares to study a difficult subject, as a delicate way of giving it, and this method of bestowing substantial favors is perfectly understood among them. He is fond of the study of a difficult subject, as a delicate way of giving it, and this method of bestowing substantial favors is perfectly understood among them.

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