

THE WIZARD

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CHAPTER XV.

NOMA COMES TO HAFELA.

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THE CONFESSION.

Hafela had begun to sticken, then the dysentery had seized him, which slowly but surely was wasting his life away, and he was helpless, for with this form of the disease no medicine could be of any avail. He lay on his back, his face as white as a sheet, and his hands cold.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

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King to grant the prayer of his brother. Hafela, and bringing with it the tidings that the white man, Messenger, had fallen sick, and it was reported that he would die. So in due course the women and children of the people of Hafela started upon their journey to the north. The King, however, gave out that they should live, and with them went Noma, purposing to leave them as they drew near the gates of the Great East. The King, however, gave out that they should live, and with them went Noma, purposing to leave them as they drew near the gates of the Great East. The King, however, gave out that they should live, and with them went Noma, purposing to leave them as they drew near the gates of the Great East.

Hokesa. "I am guilty," she added, "and may the Great Man in the sky, of whom the Messenger has taught me to believe, and my sister's blood be on my hands. I seek vengeance; indeed, it is better that I should die; but I would say this in self-defense, that I did not think to kill my sister. I believe that I was giving to her a potion which would cause her husband to hate her and no more." Here she looked round, and her eyes met those of the King. "Who told you that this was so?" asked one of the judges. "The doctor," she answered, "from whom I bought the medicine, and the old days, long ago, when Umuka was King."

POKE AND WELLS. A Noted Desperado Crosses the Range in an Iowa Jail. MANKILLER, HIGHWAYMAN, TRAIN ROBBERS. A Career of Crime Developed on the Frontier and Finished in the Penitentiary—How He Saved Jay Gould. Poke Wells—mankiller, highwayman and train robber—is dead. The noted desperado who had boasted of his prowess as a killer, who carried over a score of bullets in his body as souvenirs of his crimes, and had few rivals as a dare-devil, died on the 11th of the month of Iowa penitentiary at Anamosa, at the age of 40. His last hours were characteristic. His mind wandered back to the days when every man's hand was raised against him and a price was upon his head. As the shadow of death dimmed his eyes he stretched forth his hand toward one of the guards who stood beside the cot. "Give me that gun! Give me that gun!" the dying man feebly muttered. "You have no more now," the guard answered.

who helped him. The latter had been the hospital steward and knew the eye of cholera, which Wells did not. Wells was a native Iowan on account of his weakness, but finding that the guard was willing to drink, he told the guard that he did not want to leave his cell, and he was left there. It had been loaded with chloroform by the assistant hospital steward, Cook. Then they threw a rich saturated cold chloroform over the face of the drunken guard and escaped. There was too much chloroform for the guard and he died. The other accomplices received light sentences and have since been pardoned out, while Wells was a life sentence.