

A DEGRADED PEOPLE.

The Descendants of Indian Shanks in New York State.

Half-Savages Who Live Apart from Civilized People and their Wealth.

March, April, May.

The little store at Slayback's settlement, in the wild region about the headwaters of the Delaware river, in Delaware and Sullivan counties, among its customers some who are undoubtedly the quietest, that ever come to trade at anybody's store, says a Delhi (N. Y.) correspondent of the New York Sun. They are a race entirely to themselves and live in the wilderness far away from any other human habitation, if their own inhabitants may be excepted with a few Indians, who are the descendants of huts, patches of old tree-trunks, brush, mud and odds and ends of slate and other refuse lumber. None of these huts are more than eight feet high, and there may or may not be windows to them. There are about two hundred of these people, men, women and children, and related in such a way that they are of an extremely low order of physical and mental development. They are known by three family names—the Shanks, the Walches and the Macarts—but how they came by those no one knows. They are now called Indians.

More than a century ago, while a good many Indians still tarried on their old hunting and fishing grounds in the upper Delaware wilderness, a family named Shanks settled near the headwaters of the Pocatagon branch of the Delaware. Their father, mother and three daughters. The mother died soon after they came into the region. The eldest daughter left home and lived with an Indian hunter known as Shanks, who had a cabin in that vicinity. Some time after her father died she married him and went with him to his cabin. Who was his mother was never found out. His other two daughters joined their sister at the Indian's cabin, and for several years the three women lived with the hunter, leading the life of savages. Each of the sisters had a son, raised by their Indian mothers, and when he left the region and went to Canada, never to return, they remained, and there are people living in Delaware county to-day who remember them as old women, begging and tattered about the country. Their numerous progeny intermarried and the present settlers in the most remote parts of the Slayback settlement are descendants of them to the third and fourth generation.

No one knew one of these people to have money. They have no use for money. They are expert fishermen, trappers and hunters. They bring fish, game, furs, nuts and berries to market, and for such things as for such things as they require, and their wants are few. Tobacco, pork and ammunition are the chief items in their supplies. They all chew and smoke, the women and children as well as the men, and the stronger tobacco the better it is. They are fond of beer, but not to strong drink, but even under the stimulation of alcohol they are dull and sullen. A peculiarity of these half-savages is their inability to talk. Whether they are communicative among themselves is not known, but with others they use no words, and you will not find them in business dealing. There are many mutes among the children of the present generation and deformities are almost the rule.

The moment a stranger approaches any of the huts of this colony, every man, woman or child who may be in sight immediately takes up a stone and, but presents, unbroken hawks, hawks and crows, and it is seen anywhere about the village, which is the center of the tribe, render the teeth crooked and cause decay by shrinking from the enamel. Miser's Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, if you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, this trial will convince you that it has wonderful curative powers in all diseases of throat, chest and lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at J. N. Snyder's drug store; large bottles 50cts each.

Deserving Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Buckle's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 50 cents per box. For sale by J. N. Snyder.

High Rank.

I beg your pardon, but did I understand you to say your rank was general?

"Yes, sir?"

"United States Army?"

"No, sir."

"State Militia?"

"No, sir."

"Salvation Army?"

"No!"

"What then?"

"Industrial Army?"

A Million Friends.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found just such a friend in Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, this trial will convince you that it has wonderful curative powers in all diseases of throat, chest and lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at J. N. Snyder's drug store; large bottles 50cts each.

The sub committee on horses and carriages for the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Pittsburg, next autumn, have decided that there will be at least two thousand saddle horses needed the day of the parade. These are to be furnished, without equipments, at the uniform rate of \$4 per day. Adjutant-General James F. Meach of Lynn, Mass., has made application for three hundred horses for the staff of Command-in-Chief John G. B. Adams.

Only the Scars Remain.

"Among the many testimonials which I send in regard to certain medicines performing cures, cleansing skin, &c., I send you this, but present unkempt heads, will be seen constantly appearing at clinics and clinics in the ramshackle houses and wild eyes will peer out at the intruder. There are no useful domestic animals to be seen anywhere about the village, which is the center of the tribe, render the teeth crooked and cause decay by shrinking from the enamel. Miser's Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, if you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, this trial will convince you that it has wonderful curative powers in all diseases of throat, chest and lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at J. N. Snyder's drug store; large bottles 50cts each.

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The Gums—Soft and spongey gums interlace with the teeth, produce the yellowish color which is suggestive of neatness and cleanliness, but which is really dirt and filth. It is absolutely safe Under all circumstances.

It hardens and preserves the gums perfectly.

The Breath—Everywhere sweetens the breath, produces the white odor which is indicative of neatness and cleanliness, but which is really dirt and filth. It is absolutely safe Under all circumstances.

It sweetens the breath And strengthens the throat.

Sale and Supply—The greatest concern perfectly safe and harmless, and are the best known to the teeth and gums. Whereas the best dentifrice that can be used is the best dentifrice that can be used. It is absolutely safe, perfect in effect, lasting to the last, surprising and guarantees you against failure if you but follow our simple plain instructions. Reader, if you are in need of ready money, and want to make a fortune, start your business before the public send us your address, and we will mail you a document giving you all the particulars.

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The Teeth—Nothing ever discovered a better tooth so quickly and safely as Miser's Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, this trial will convince you that it has wonderful curative powers in all diseases of throat, chest and lungs. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at J. N. Snyder's drug store; large bottles 50cts each.

For the cure of all diseases originating in bone, the best remedy is

AYER'S Sarsaparilla

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Cures others, will cure you

The Woes of a Drummer.

"Why don't I marry?" repeated the commercial traveler. "Well, to tell the truth, my profession is a bar."

"You thought traveling men were especially attractive to the women? Yes, I know. They are to a certain class, but it is not so easy for a commercial traveler to get acquainted with the kind of a girl that a fellow would marry. You see, prudent mammae have been taught to look with suspicion on men in our business."

"I think it is very unjust myself, and it may be due in great part to the mean jokes the newspapers print about me. But it is just the same."

"I often meet nice girls and try to cultivate their acquaintance, with a view to—well, there's no knowing what might happen."

"But as soon as the mammae of any of these nice girls hear that I am a commercial traveler I find that the progress of the acquaintance is checked. The mammae don't take the trouble to inquire about my individual character, which, I think, is as good as the average. The fact that I am on the road is enough."

"Many a pleasant acquaintance which might have led to something more serious has been spoiled for me in this way. The doctor has done his best, but it is changing the memory of which would take rather too long for a man of my age, I must die an old bachelor."—Buffalo Express.

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