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A Recent Indian Adventure.
HE hardahips and perils of life upon
the borders were not all endured by the borders were not all endured by
our forefathers. Even now upon the remote frontier there are people living
through hours of privation and terror, which we, in our safe and convenient
homes, know nothing of.
The adventure related in this simple sketch occurred only a few months since,
upon the Kansas frontier, during the upon the Kansas frontier, during the
late troubles with the Cheyenne Indians.
Mr. Hobson, a former resident of In-
diana, had met with business reverses diana, had met with business reverses, life anew in the far West. He gathered
what little household property was left to him, and in a wagon drawn by
horses journeyed to his new home. He selected land far from any railroad or settlement, because such land was
cheaper, and having built himself a log cabin, he managed in much
Hive through the first year.
The Indian troubles began during the seond year, tran easued the family a
good deal of anxiety. They were not molested, however, and had begun to feel almost hungry again.
nearest neighbor's, a diatance of to his nearest neighbor's, a distance of several
miles, with his horses and wagon. Mrs. Hobson was in the house bolling hom-
iny in a kettle in a great fire.place. She needed a bucket of water, and started to get it, when, as she reached the door of
the cabin, she saw a dozen Indians comthe cabin, she saw a dozen
ing directly to the house.
They did not see her. Without waitbaby, an infant of eight months, from its low box-cradle,eand in her fight rush-
ed up a ladder whleh stood in one corner of the house to a low lof above.
Laying the baby on a pile of quilts, Laying the baby on a pile of quilts,
whth desperate strength she pulled the wth desperate strengt she
ladder up after ler, and shut down the
trap-door. Then she crouched with her trap-door. Then she crouched with her
babe in her arms.
The savages entered the lower room, The savages entered the lower room,
and commenced searching and plundering in great glee.
They snatched the clean blue woolen
coverlets and blankets from the beds and wrapped themselves in them, threw the pillows on the floor and sat upon
them, and appeared particularly delighted with the feather-bed, which wa the pride of Mrs. Hobson's heart.
Through a crack in the floor, which
was also the celling in the lower room, was also the celling in the lower room,
Mrs. Hobson watched them. Every instant she feared their noisy shouts would wake the baby; but fortunately the
child was undisturbed by the revel going on below.
Tn a few minutes the savages discov-
ered the kettle of hominy, and tu great
glee it was set upon the hearth, glee it was set upon the hearth, dipped
out into pans, pots, crocks, gourds, anything they eould lay their hands on, and
devoured. Even in her terror, Mrs.
Hobson wondered what their throats Hobson wondered what their throats
were made of that they could swallow it so scalding hot.
It appeared to
It appeared to sharpen their appetites,
for they began to search for more food Presently one of them found a sack of potatoes under a cupboard.
"Paddys! paddys!" he shouted, glee-
fully; "Injun roast paddys; make big
fire, get big ronst fire, get big roast. Blg heap paddys !"
Mrs. Hobson knew that many of the Indians called Irish potatoes "paddys,"
so, though she could not see the sack, bhe so, though she could not see
knew what they had found.
They returned to the fire-place, and
poured the potatoes down in a heap on the floor. Then they drew the coals and ashes upon one side, and soon had near-
ly a half bushel of the potatoes ronating in the ashes.
They sat down for their expected feast and as Mrs. Hobson peeped through the
crack in the floor at them, so dirty, ug. Iy and repulive, a way of escape occu red to her. What could she do ${ }^{\prime \prime \prime}$
As she glanced despairingly round to

| low, darks loft, she saw in a corner a ilt- |
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| tle red cheat. Now came an answer to | her queation.

"Henry's powder is in that chest. If
I could only throw some of it down I could only throw some of it down
Into the fire and frighten them, or burn nto the fire and
them a litlle!"
them a litt
"I can! I can!" she thought the
next instant. "If I can get my han into the hole in the chimney, I can." Creeplng softly to the chimuey, she put up her hand and felt for the hole.-
The chimney was built of mud and The chimney was built of mud and
sticks, and up in the lon the mud had steks, and up in the lon the mud had
dried, cracked and broken away in one place. Mr. Hobson had often declired lom must mend that hole, but he was al.
ways so buny it was not yet done, and how glad Mrs. Hobson was that it wa there still.
She found that the hole was large
enough to admit her hand, and then she enough to admit her hand, and then she
was sure her plan would work, for she knew theae Cheyenness were the veriest
cuwards, ensily geared at what they did cowards, ensily 8
not understand.
Very slowly she crept to the elonet, opened it with the greatest care, and took out the can of powder. In doing so
the saw a small tin mustard-box, which contained some sulphur.
"The very thing ", she thought.
don't know what they'll do together, don't know what they'll do together, bu
the sulphur will nearly choke them to death, I'm sure, and I'll try it." She poured part of the sulphur from
the box; then she poured in the box some powder, and shook the contents lill they were well mixed. With a si-
lent prayer she slipped softly back to the chlmney, thrust the little box as fa
as she could into the hole, and turnedit. as she could into the hole, and turuedit. ed report, a hissing noise, and the next
instant, yelling, coughing, choking, instant, yelling, coughing, choking,
soreaming and tumblling over one an-
other, the savages were all rushing out other, the
of doors.
Mrs. Hobson was almost stifled her-
self by the horrible smell and self by the horrible smell and smoke
which came up through the eracks whe floor, but she dared not ventur
down until stillness below had convin ed her that her visitors were not likely to return.
Ehe lifted the trap, pushed down the ladder, and went down. What a scene
of confusion met her eyes! Bed-clothes, pillows, pans, dishes, and household be and the explosion had thrown ashes, blackened coals and half-roasted potatoes
But the Indians had fled. Mr. Hobson came home half an hour later, and
found his wife restoring order among the household goods. The superstitious
Indians did not venture to return.

## An Astonished Editor.

An exchange says: " We find upon
our table one of the newest pletures. It our table one of the newest pletures. It
is beautiful in deeign, small, but show. The great artistie skiling coros are green and
black, the two blending so harmonious ly that the effect is pleasing in the highest degree. We nhall not, of course, pre-
sume to give an exact description of this picture, but some of the characters look frain from describing them. The headcentre, or rather the hero of this pioture, holds in his left hand a banner, in
his right a sword; his hat is thrown on the ground; his hend is thrown back, gether, his appearance is that of one waiting for the other fellow to knoek or the chip. His eyes are cast upward,
resting on the word fi-. Hello, what' resting on the word fi-. Hello, what
this $\%$ Great snakes 1 if it imn't a five kind of a Christmas chromo that had
come in the mall. But we see how it -ither our devil has been robbing a bank, or some dellinquent subseriber has

THE Abbe Renyal was the first give publielty to the following re markable instance of Highland ingenu-
ity and courage. The hero of it was ity and courage. The hero of it was a
sergeant of Montgomery's highland sergeant of Montgomery's highland
regiment, and hls name Allen Macpherson. Being taken prisoner by the In-
dians, he was doomed to witnees th miserable spectacle of several of hi comrades tortured to death. Beeing
them preparing to commence the same them preparing to commence the same
openations upon himself, lie made signs that he had some thing to communicate. An interpreter was brought. Mracpher-
son told them that provided his life wa spared for a few minutes, he would commumicate the secret of an extraordinary medicine, which, if applied to the
skin, would cause it to resist the strongeski, would cause it to resist the strong-
est blow of a tomahawk or sword, and If they would allow him to go to the
woods with a guard to colleot the plants proper for his medicine, he would prepare it and allow the ex poriment to
be tried on his own neck by thestrongest and most expert warrior among them. This story ensilly gained apon the super-
stitious credulity of the Indians,
the request of the Hightander was
Immediately complied with. Being sent nmediately complied with. Being sent
nito thẹ woods he soon returned with such herbs as he chose to plek up. Faving boiled theee herbs he rubbed his neek with their juice, and, laying hin
head on a log of wood, deelred the strongest man among them to strike at vould find that he could not make the smallest fopression. An Indian levelng a blow with all his might, but the dintance of eeveral yarde Indians were fixed with amazement a their own credulity, and the address with which the prisoner had escaped but instead of being enraged at this escape of their victim they were so
pleased with his ingenuity that they
refralned from inflicting firther cruel lies on the remalider of the prisoners.

## A Laughable Mistake.

D
RING his first visit to Paris M'. Las-
salle, a diftingulathed German, per ented himself at the house of a wellknown lady, to whom he had sent let-
ters of introduction in advance. When he servant opened the door and recelv-
bis card she conducted him to the boudol
lig:
" Jadame will come in immediately." Presently the lady entered. She was
in dishabille and her feet were bare, covered only only with loose sllippers. She
bowed to him carelessly and anid: "Ab, there you are; good morn
She threw herself on a sofa, let fall a slipper and reache.
very pretty foot.
Lassalle was naturally completely as
tounded, but he remembered that at home in Germany it was the custom
sometimes to kiss a lady's hand and he supposed it was the Paris mode to klas her foot. Therefore he did not hesitate
to imptint a kiss upon the fascinatlog foot so
saying:

## aying:

"I thank you, madame, for this new nethod of making a lady's acquaint-
ance. It is much better and certainly more generous than kiessing the hand., The lady jumped up highly indignant. "Who are you, sir, and what do you He gave his name.
not, then, a corn doo-
"I am charmed to say, madame, that "But you sent me the corn doctor's
It was true. Lassalle in going out that morning had pleked up the card of a corn doctor from his bureau and putit in
his pooket. This, without glancing at, taken given to the servant, who had taken it to her mistress. There wa
nothing to do but laugh at the joke.

## Too Much for the Conductor.

$\mathrm{R}^{\text {ECENTLY a man with red mud on }}$ his boots, and wearines him, entered a car of an incoming train a dozen miles from New. York. When
the conductor came along the weary man drew from his pocket the last half of an excursion ticket between New
York and a station some balf York and a station some half dozen
miles beyond where he entered the train, and on another branch of the road ove which the train had not passed. The conductor quietly returned the ticket and remarked, "not good," at the same time pointing to a stipulation on the
ticket for "one continuous
The weary man looked inquiringly anto the glare of the conductor's lantern "Waal
"You stopped over at the last station,"
exelaimed the conductor, "and so you exelaimed the conductor, "and so you
are not making one continuous Journey."
"How do you know I ain't?"' wearily asked the passenger.
on the other branch at all,"" sald been the conductor, showing signs of impatience. "What has this train to do with my
continuous journey ?" questioned the man, also getting impatient.
As though propounding a question
that would put a stop to further talk the conductor asked :
"Well, how would you make a con-
thuous journey on this tinuous journey on this train from a place this train doesn't go at all ""
Adding that the rules of the company Adding that the $r$
were peremptory.
"I ain't nald nothing about this train," replied the weary man, evidently much diggusted. "I footed it all the way to this junction, after I found the last train had gone, and had got here Just in tlme
to hang on to thls train as it was startfing, and if that ain't a continuous journey I'd like to know what is
The hilarity of the other persons the car neemed to annoy their weary fellow.traveler, and he explained as the conductor passed on, that he would like
to know "if the rules of the company
prevented a mati from walking over
their foad on an excursion tleket." Oplelal Railtway Butletin.

Eocentrletities of a Shopkeeper.
$\mathrm{W}^{\mathrm{E}}$ have recently heard, anys the Hampshire town whose perton allty smacks of individuality and independence so strongly that we wonder of what original spring he has had a
monopoly to the excluslon of hiem ordinary neithbors, The of hls more "general store," He has keept this general for twenty years, and one would simost say the name stock, Judg ing from its thoroughly mixed-up co dition and the literal accumulation ust. He hires no attendant, but doe
al the work of buyligg and selling in the work of buying and selling himstore; he must sometimes eat, llike other people. When he hus occasion to go way, he goes and loeks up the store. He locks up the store when he ls ill; he
tocks it up when he comes to Boston to ocks it up when he comes to Boston to
buy goods. In spite of thin irregular uy goods. In spite of this irregalar
proceeding be has acquired money, and not a little of it, too. But the really queer thing about the man and his atore remains to be told. In one eorner, more dusty than anything else in the place,
atand two demijohns. There they have stood since the first year this man began countryman to be filled with molesen and vinegar. As he took one in each hand to carry them to his cart at the door, he said he would settle for them the next week when he came down But the storekeeper had a better plan
and suggested mildy that the jug and suggested mildly that the juge
better be left, too, till the next week, when their contents could be paid for. "All right,", responded the countryman. and he set the Jugs down and went
away. And there these vessels have stood ever

Remarkable Escape
The escape from death of M. de Chateaubrun, during the Reign of Terror, condemned but actually waited his turn at the guillotine, standing sixteenth in line of twenty. The fifteenth head hai fallen, when the machine got out of
order and the five had to wait until it was repaired. The crowd pressed forgrew to see what was going on ; and as ib himself gradually thrust into the rear of the spectators; so he wisely slipped way, and meeting a man simple enough or charitable enough to take his wor off with his hat his his hands and run and he managed to reach a safe hiding place. A few days later he put himsel Another remert Another remarkable escape was that
of two women, mother and daughter, who traveling over a lonely road in a
hired conveyance, were attacked by their driver who, pulling up fin a lonely spot demanded their jewelry ; and upon their demurring, tied the pair to the vehicle and seized their trinkets. Then bethinktales, the ruffian drew out his knife but sll pping from his grasp, it fell into a ditch. He plunged his hand in the water to recover the knife, and as he clutched it a black snake fixed its fangs in the would-be murderer's hand. He succumbed to the poison, and in ten
minutes was past hurting anybody. The women were discovered by some villagers. and released, but the corpse of the drive was deft slone until the police arrived on the scene and did official caty

## A Joker's loke.

When Governor Gerry managed Mas sachusetts, a country deacon happene
to catch a fine salmon, and knowing that the Governor had a peculiar liking for that sort of fish, he determined to present it to him. So the salmon was aarefully packed, and the deacon, in the on for Boston.
On the Journey he stopped to dine,
and, telling at the table his errand lin re and, telling at the table his errand ln reent could not resist the temptation of slipping out to the wagon and ebanging the salmon for a poor codfish.
The unconsilous deacon went on to
the Governor's house,and after announc ing his gift, the two worthles opened
the box and discovered the flavorous codfish.
Mortified the poor deacon started for home with his codfish, and stopping for
lunch at his dining place cretly removed the codfish and replingedil the salmon. When he reached homar an fiven mournfully told the story to packed the salmon; they opened the box together. The deacon started.
when you are in the country, but when you are in Boston you are a miserable

