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INDIAN FAIRS

From various sources we have reports of Indian Fairs which have been held throughout the country during the past summer and fall. We have heard these fairs so generally praised in the press of the country that we cannot escape a feeling of pride when we ponder the matter. We had the pleasure of attending an Indian Fair last August—the Siletz Indian Fair, and it was a revelation to us. This fair gave us a clear insight into the possibilities of Indian Fairs.

It seems to us that the Indian is coming into his own, and rapidly, too, at that. There are many reasons why these fairs will help the Indian people. They are certain to draw all people of this race and while in attendance they will receive ideas and impressions from what they see. They will hear much that will prove beneficial to them. They will go home with new ideas and a conception of possibilities for themselves of which they had hitherto not dreamed. All of this for the casual Indian visitors at an Indian Fair. It will set them to thinking, and to think is to act, generally.

But the biggest gainer is the man, woman, or child, who helps to make the fair. He, or she, performs a double task, or duty. First is the making or the growing of the product exhibited. From this he not only has an exhibit, but the product itself. Then there is the benefit of having an exhibit, with the possibility of a prize for it. Again, there is the feeling of pride that goes hand in hand with the knowledge that you are not only a producer of something worthy of exhibit, but that you are also a promoter—one of the promoters of the fair; one who