

simply side by side, each dancer stamping up and down.

Every once in a while an expert Indian dancer would dance alone; it was plain to see that his efforts were appreciated. One of them, whose fame was great, had come over 400 miles from Canada to be present at the festivities.

Late in the afternoon the visitors left, but not before many of them had received little presents and had given some article or money in return. When an Indian makes a gift you know, the recipient must always give something in return. It is not selfishness on the part of the Indian; quite the contrary. But it is a custom and a courtesy among them.

For instance, one of the party of visitors was presented with a fine beadwork hat band and, having nothing else with him save a pen-knife, he gave the Indian a \$10 bill. Straightway the Indian stripped his brightly colored blanket from his shoulders and extended it to the visitor. Then he offered his bead-embroidered rifle case—which, of course did not contain a rifle, since Uncle Sam will not permit firearms on a reservation. The Indian, you see, was determined not to be outdone in generosity!

All during the day the American flag was much in evidence and the Indians seemed to have some idea of the meaning of the words "Fourth of July," though the writer feels quite certain that they by no means grasped its full significance. But, in all, it was a queer celebration of the "Fourth" and one the writer will long remember.

VICIOUS FRAUDS

COMMON SCHEME FOR ROBBING THE INDIANS



FOR so long a time has the Indian been prey for unscrupulous white men that it is looked upon as more or less a common occurrence to hear of dirty deals. Those in the Indian service are not able to protect the Indian, the department has not known of the crooked deals. From an exchange we reprint an article in the hope that our Indian friends, apprised in this way, will take heed and defeat the aims of grafters as set forth, as follows:

The schemes of the grafter to separate the Indian from his money and his lands are many. For downright lawlessness and shrewd chicanery the practices of the past have been without parallel in this country. For instance, one of the commonest frauds practiced has