

HE'S HEAP BIG INDIAN.

Strange Life History of Quanah Parker.

A POWER AMONG THE COMANCHES.

He is the son of a White Woman Who Was Captured by the Indians and Compelled to Marry a Chief—A Half Breed of Great Ability.

The story of Quanah Parker and his Comanches, of their last long struggle with the whites, their pacification, settlement on Red river and subsequent development, is as interesting as any episode in Indian history. The intrigues among the aspirants for power, the interference of United States officers and the final complete ascendancy of the most talented but the old story of Greek and Trojan princes, highland clans and French feudatories over again. Human nature worked the same, but

Vain was the chief's, the warrior's pride. They had no Homer, and they died.

General MacKenzie did the reconstruction act thoroughly for the tribe. After the Comanches had left their reservation in the Indian Territory and had been rounded up on the Texas plains two or three times at considerable expense and trouble and some bloodshed, MacKenzie deposed the chiefs, and by a decree of his own put Quanah Parker at the head of the Comanche nation. At the same time he made the change effective by driving all of the surplus ponies of the nation—about 3,000 of them—into a corral of the Palo Duro canyon and slaughtering them. This last act was a little worse than tearing up the railroads in a hostile country. Railroads can be rapidly rebuilt. It takes time for a great herd of ponies to grow.

With sullen looks the Comanches footed it back to the reservation and at the same time accepted unwillingly the election of Quanah Parker from the ranks to the office of principal chief. The nation has remained upon the reservation ever since



PARKER IN WAR COSTUME.

and Chief Parker's power has waxed until now his rule is that of a czar. But he tempers his government with a good deal of shrewdness. From the families of the deposed chiefs he has taken wives one after another until he has seven families living in peace and unity under the roof of the big white house with wide galleries in the beautiful valley of the Washita.

His first journey among the whites came perilously near to being his last. He and his co-chief, Yellow Bear, one of his seven fathers-in-law, went to Fort Worth, Tex., took a room together, and like another western dignitary of our own race, blew out the gas. When the door was broken open Yellow Bear was dead, and it took several dollars' worth of brandy and electricity to put Quanah on his feet again. He was worth all its cost and a great deal more, for he has made the Comanches one of the most formidable tribes in the Indian Territory; has secured for them the best land in the Red river valley; has induced them and their allies, the Kiowas, to take land in severalty—100 acres apiece—and sold the rest to the government at rates which give the tribe a permanent fund of \$2,000,000.

Such an Indian naturally excites a deal of curiosity, and on inquiry it transpires that he is only half Comanche. His mother was a white woman, and her story and that of her family are among the saddest of border tragedies. Sixty years ago Elder John Parker, of Cole county, Ill., an experienced pioneer, led a small party to the region that is now Limestone county, Tex., and built a blockhouse which was the beginning of Fort Parker. The rest is the oft-told tale—a sudden attack in what was thought to be a time of peace and safety, the slaughter of all the men and captivity of the women and children, with all the sickening details of murder of infants which Americans have heard of since Hannah Dustin, of Haverhill.

In three years all the captives were recovered by negotiation with other Indians except Cynthia Ann Parker, aged nine when taken, and her little brother John. The latter lived an Indian in all save color for many years, then married a Mexican girl who had been taken captive and went to live with her relatives in Mexico. He returned to Texas on a visit just in time to get into the civil war, served through it as a Confederate soldier and then returned to his ranch beyond the Rio Grande. Twenty-five years had passed since the Fort Parker massacre, when Captain Sul Ross—since Governor Boss—surprised and defeated the Comanches on Pecos river. Their chief, Petaconca, was killed, and his wife and child were captured. That wife was Cynthia Parker, and that child was a younger sister of Quanah Parker.

For a year or two Cynthia had to be restrained to prevent her escape to her wild friends, but in time she became reconciled to civilization. Ten years later she died, and her daughter is a good Christian white woman in all save the half Indian blood. Her two sons grow up Comanches, and now the strange vicissitudes of Indian life have made Quanah a white man in habits when among the whites, but still a Comanche when at home.

Large Doses.

Fortieth Friend (since breakfast)—By Jove, old fellow, you've got a fearful cold. What are you taking for it?

Sufferer (hoarsely)—Advice.—New

THE SQUARE GAMBLER.

He Doesn't Exist, Says One Who Claims to Know.

A man who was once prominent as the proprietor of a faro bank, but is now an evangelist, recently said to a New York reporter:

"You hear often of the 'square' gambler. There isn't any such thing. He will cheat when the right moment comes. It is the same with gambling houses. The faro bank and the roulette wheel are run correctly for a period, and then something happens, and the 'sucker' loses his money. All the faro dealers have to be artists in their line and know how to cheat. Next summer I'm going to show in Long Branch and Saratoga against the gambling houses there, and I can promise you some fun."

"I will strip this subject of gambling to the nakedness of truth and prove to the young men of the country that gambling dishonors God and degrades men, wrecks honor, ruins business, destroys homes, breaks wifely hearts, steals babies' bread, sends mothers sorrowing to the grave, and at last, with pitiless bravado, drags the sin stained soul before the bar of God's dishonored justice."

"It must be remembered that in all countries gambling carries with it a decline of public honor and private decency in an exact ratio to its spread. In the business world it makes rife forgeries and defalcations. Widows' and orphans' estates are plundered by trustees, corporations are wrecked by their officers, employees are betrayed by their employees, one partner is made the victim of the other—all because of this terrible vice of gambling. The day has come when we must look in our brother's face and say, 'Do you mean to be honest with me?'"

"Gambling has been and is the cause of the temporal and eternal damnation of more men and women than all the other vices combined."

"The chief reliance both in preventing crime and winning from it is fear. Young men are anxious to find out what there is behind the closed doors. Tell them, and the chief reason for opening the doors is removed. The strongest incentive that leads men to gamble is the hope of gain. I can demonstrate to the fullest comprehension how impossible it is to win from a professional gambler. Gambling halls cannot prosper without fresh victims. Show men that success is impossible in an uneven contest, and the ranks of the gamblers will be thinned out for the want of new recruits."

Dangers of Newspaper Work.

W. C. Cooper tells us the following story of his journalistic perils. He says: "I had several narrow escapes from violent death while engineering an afternoon paper in Texas. My foreman once got the suicide of a prominent citizen mixed up with a description of a new abattoir, and the result was appalling. Friends of the deceased insisted on shooting first and listening to explanations afterward. At another time he got a head intended for a double hanging over a swell wedding. It read as follows: 'Tough-turned off. A well mated pair of brutes merited meet their doom. A large crowd witnessed the rites preceding purgatorial pains.' Well, I hid in the chaperon for a month after that. I thought my time was up, and I tried to get a little consolation from the Bible, but the book opened every time at the passage, 'Lo, the bridegroom cometh!' I didn't wait for him."

Barium's Lucky Partners.

"Barium made every partner of his rich," said Mr. Kohl, "as well as many of his employees. From 1873 to 1875 W. C. Coup and Dan Costello were his partners, and both became wealthy. George Bailey, Nathans and June were his partners from 1875 to 1881. Nathans and Bailey are now capitalists living in New York and June was a very rich man when he died. James L. Hutchinson and J. A. Bailey were the next of Barium's partners, the firm being Barium, Bailey & Hutchinson until 1886, when Mr. Bailey's health failed and he sold his interest to W. W. Cole."

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Value of Artificial Stone.

A celebrated engineer says, "For warehouses, churches and large buildings of every description; for foundations, quay walls, lighthouses, jetties and piers; for abutments and massive walls of all kinds; for sidewalks, platforms and flagging, and for many other minor purposes, artificial stone possesses not only great comparative cheapness, but all the essential merits of brick and stone with respect to strength, hardness and durability, while for arches, vaulted ceilings and vaults and ornamental work of every description within the province of the architect or engineer it possesses advantages peculiar to itself and not equally shared by other materials.—Rochester Post-Express.

Milking by Machinery.

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A Mining Note.

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THINGS WORTH REMEMBERING.

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