Singing Squaws in Dakota. [Mrs. Gen. Custer's Book.]

One morning we heard singing and found that the squaws were surging down from their quarters, nearly a mile distant. We had not received a hint of the honor to be conferred, and were mystified when they all halted in front of our house. They had come to give us a dance. It was an unusual occurrence, for the women rarely take part in any but the most menial services. They were headed by Mrs. Long Back, the wife of the chief of the scouts. She was distinguished as the leader by a tall dress hat that had been the property of some society man when he wore civilian dress in the states. They began going around after each other in a jogging, lumbering sort of movement and singing a humdrum song in a minor key. Much of the finery we had seen at the genuine war dance was borrowed frem the warriors for the occasion. It was festooned over the figures of the wemen already well covered with blankets, and the weight was not calculated to add materially to their grace. The ranking lady had a saber which her chief had received as a present and this she waved over the others in command. One woman carried her 6 weeks' old papoose on her back, and his little, lolling head rolled from side to side as the mother trotted round and round after the others.

During the dance one of the officer's colored servants rushed out, and in his excitement almost ran his head into the charmed precincts. An infuriated squaw, to whom all this mummery was the gravest and most momentous of concerns, flew at him, brandishing a tomahawk over his head. He had no need to cry, "Oh, that this too, too solid flesh would melt!" for his manner of vanishing was little short of actual evaporation into air. Neither his master nor any one else saw him for twenty-four

hours afterwards.

When the women stopped their circumvolutions, fer want of breath, we appeared on the porch and made signs of thanks. They received them with placid self-satisfaction, but the more substantial recognition of the general's thanks, in the shape of a beef, they acknowledged more warmly.

> A Question for the Doctors. [Chicago Tribune.]

Every now and then facts come to light which seem to conflict strangely with the theories of the doctors. For instance, at Howdon, England, a dirty, desolate village on Tyneside, a boy was born who at the time of his birth had the following extraordinary number of grandparents and great-grandparents alive: The grandfather and grand-mother on the father's side were hearty the grandfather and the mother of the grandmother. The grandfather and grandmother on the mother's side were active and strong, and so were both parents of the grandmother. The boy thus had four grandparents and five great-grandparents alive, each of whom was in active work, earning his or her own livelihood.

Yet the village where these hale and hearty grandsires and granddames live and flourish is one of the most unsanitary in England. Open sewers run down the center of some of the streets. Until a few years ago the water supply was from one shallow well. Only one solitary scavenger is employed on halftime for cleaning, repairing, and maintaining all the streets. Houses have been condemned wholesale as unfit for human habitation, to the intense disgust of the people. Yet, notwithstanding all these adverse conditions, these families live and thrive as vigorously as Jews in their Ghetto. What do the doctors make of that?

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