

grasshoppers and ants for food, together with snakes, lizards and large grubs. The grasshoppers are sun-dried and laid away, and are pounded up with service hawthorne or other berries, made into cakes, pressed hard and kept for winter use.

The chances at any time, amongst the nomadic or wandering tribes, of obtaining a large or regular supply of food, are very precarious ; and hence arise traveller's accounts of their gormandizing habits. This is, however, the exception ; but in proportion to the small amount of nutriment many of the above-mentioned articles used as food, contain, the bulk consumed must be increased. It has been remarked by those who have come much into contact with the uncivilized tribes, that if they are fed on flesh and cereals, and the ordinary adjuncts of the white man's table, they pine away, become unhappy ; and if confined to this fare, would die as if visited by an epidemic. There is an unsatisfied craving within them for the rude fare of their wild life, for the coarse, precarious food of their native state ; and they hail with a yell of pleasure the opportunity to get away from civilization into the wild scenes familiar to their childhood. The adult wild Indian, like a full-grown wild bird or animal, never thrives in confinement, but droops, pines and dies away. It is only the progeny, taken in hand when young, that the white man can train to his own ways.

A DISINTERESTED party is generally considered as one who gives the most reliable and conclusive evidence. Says ex-Congressman Belmont, recently, on the Indian troubles in the United States, and the quiet that prevails in our Indian territory, if we may so style the North-west :—

“It is because the Canadians deal honestly with the Indians that they have no wars, and because Uncle Sam