

of Buenos Ayres was  
afternoon, by a cry that  
instant the streets were  
most to distraction, and  
could surpass the scene  
e knew not whither, for  
lost his wig, another his  
s universal, till the garri-  
ed out and scoured the  
vestige of an enemy was  
y common in the cities of  
Salta, whilst the savages  
impunity. A ludicrous  
rrientes, is worthy of par-  
alarm was suddenly given  
to one of the streets, and  
is spread an instant panic;  
nt, hurried to the church,  
chief captain himself, an old  
ied women, uttering groans  
ne house of the Lord, and  
must die.' This cowardly  
indignation of a priest, who  
ned, 'No dying,—fight the  
ched a gun, leaped upon a  
er of the city where the sav-  
lo! when he arrived there,  
s were sound asleep, not so

sed to be a nation of giants.  
ry, stated them to be seven or  
spanish voyager, made them  
as Cavendish measured their  
s long. Sebald de Weert, in  
m, ten and eleven feet high.  
ten, in 1615, found skeletons  
ong. Commodore Byron, in  
and the narrator of this dis-  
t to nine feet and upwards in  
e confirmed these wonderfui  
many visitors in Patagonia  
f the inhabitants who were  
aus, and as some of the ac-  
contained matters evidently

fabulous, the whole story fell into discredit, though the evidence of the huge size of the natives, seemed, in the first instance, to be too positive to be disregarded. The voyages of Captains King and Fitzroy, in this quarter, by order of the British government, have supplied us with fresh information on this curious and interesting subject. The following facts may be fully relied upon.



*Patagonian.*

The Patagonians are at present divided into four tribes, each of which has a separate leader or cacique; but they all speak one language. When it is found convenient, they all assemble in one place, but if food becomes scarce, or quarrels happen, each party withdraws to its own territory. At such times one body will encroach upon the hunting grounds of another, and a battle is the consequence. The whole Patagonian nation comprises not above four or five thousand souls, and the women exceed the men three to one. The Patagonians are generally tall and stout, though not giants; no one has been seen for many years much above six feet in height. Yet it seems indisputable that the Patagonians are really the tallest race of men in the world, taken collectively. Not more than one in forty or fifty of the adults is below five feet nine or ten inches. The cacique Cangopol, measured by Falkner, was more than seven feet high. The women are tall in proportion to the men. Both men and women, moreover, have a