



INDIAN CHILD AND DOLL.

### PONY SMOKE DANCE.

**A**MONG the Indians it is customary to have every year a dance which they call a Pony Smoke Dance.

A chief of an Indian tribe invites another chief to come at a certain time in the summer, with his tribe, and smoke ponies with them. When the time for the dance has come, both tribes begin to fix up their feathers and beads and paint their faces red and blue stripes, then they come riding in bands to the dance ground, where both tribes very soon meet. After they have rested a little while, the tribe that has been invited form a circle around the dance ground and sit themselves down, awaiting to see how many ponies will be given to them. Then every one in the other tribe that wishes to give one or more ponies, takes his pony and rides around the ring as fast as he can, and he rides around once for each pony he wishes to give to his friends.

After they get through riding around the ring, the invited tribe knows how many ponies will be given them, and now the time has come to smoke their ponies. The ones that have rode around the ring get a long clay pipe which they have made themselves and put tobacco in it, but do not light it; then one takes this pipe and he goes in the ring and presents this pipe to one that he wishes to be his friend. This pipe the Indian takes in his mouth, but does not keep it long, and then he goes on to another Indian that he wishes also to be his friend, and presents this pipe to him also. They keep doing this way until every one has gone around and smoked his pony, that he wishes to give.