

pay. The total cost was half a dollar. When they were made, an Indian adjusted them to my feet ; they were just mere bags or pockets, into which I shoved my toes, boot and all ; and then the Indian wound the remainder of the loose skin round my ankles, enclosing the ends of my trousers, and tied all up with string. The overshoes were very warm and comfortable and kept my feet dry, but they had rather a strong odor.

While the overshoes were being manufactured, I was busy with a young Indian, named 'Nick,' taking down Zuni words. Zuni is a language of itself. No other Indians on the continent speak the language. Following are a few examples :—

Man, tcawaki.

Dog, watcita.

Woman, okia.

Come here, kathlimani.

Boy, aktciki.

Be quick, heshina.

House, kiakwenini.

Good morning, konato anta wakia.

When we had finished with the words, I told Nick that I wanted to buy a Zuni blanket, so he took me a long trudge over housetops, and in and out among chimneys—a regular 'cat journey'—till we arrived at a little door about three and a-half feet high and about eighteen inches wide. If I had had my overcoat on I am sure I could never have got through it ; but, as it was, I managed to effect an entrance ; first one of my goat-skins went in over the doorstep, then I had to squeeze my body through, and then pull the other goat-skin in after me. Inside were a Zuni mother and three or four little children ; the room was small and had but one little window. The woman had several new blankets, of home manufacture, hanging up on a horizontal stick suspended from the ceiling, all beautifully made ; the large ones were \$25 each, and fully worth it, and the smallest from \$5 to \$6. I bought a small one. Then we went to a silversmith's to see some silver. Both the Pueblo Indians and the Navajoes are adepts at working in silver. You give a Pueblo or a Navajo Indian a silver dollar, and he will make almost any ornament you like out of it, but he will charge you another dollar for the making. A Navajo belt, worn round the waist, is a broad leathern strap adorned with from seven to ten large silver discs, each about four inches in diameter, and each worth about \$4 ; the belt, therefore, is worth from \$30 to \$40. But there is other jewelry, of much inferior appearance, which, to these New Mexican Indians, is of infinite more value—chains made of little discs of shell, a quarter of an inch in diameter, and drilled through the centre ; they are said to be of fabulous age, made of shells that are not now to be found, and the people will refuse \$100 for a necklace. They also set a high value on turquoise. There is a turquoise mine twenty-five miles south of Santa Fe, which the Indians have worked for centuries ; and it is said to be the only mine in the country. After lunch I made a sketch of Zuni from the roof of the new Hemenway