

buffalo rapidly making for the cattle sheds where troughs of water stand. They were busily drinking as we approached, and we imagined that they were pretty well domesticated. We were quickly undeceived. In the first place, they were drinking out of the small pools formed by water overflowing from the adjacent pump. They are never known to drink out of the spacious troughs provided with clean water. In the second place a slight breeze arose and blew towards them from our direction. The effect was instantaneous. They raised their heads, sniffed suspiciously, curled their tails aloft, and bounded away with lightning speed. One gained some idea of the strength and swiftness of the buffalo, for these two monsters bounded away lightly as deer, and in a few minutes were lost to view. Their fear of man is still strong, and they retain so much of their original wariness, that anything touched by human hands they avoid. Hence they refuse to enter the cattle sheds in winter, and prefer the snowy waste. They will not even lie down upon dry straw which was thickly spread over the snow for them. Hence also they refuse to drink out of troughs, buckets, or any vessels placed for cattle or horses, and invariably quench their thirst at mud-puddles and small scattered pools of water. Foxes, bears, etc, exhibit similar wariness, and are able to detect the touch of man's hand on traps set for their capture. Hunters adopt many devices to elude this keen sense of smell, which warns wild animals of danger. Castor, which the beaver hunter procures, is invaluable for smearing traps set for certain fur animals.

We feared that the startled pair had rejoined the herd and that all would have hurried far away. That they were shy we had been assured. They were also less trustworthy than formerly, having been much disturbed by numbers of visitors, some of whom had thoughtlessly teased the animals. We were cautioned if we went in search of the buffalo to move quietly and slowly. Sudden movements or noises startle them, and they either rush off in stampede and may not be visible any more that day, or they turn threateningly upon the intruders.