



MARMION CLEVELAND'S LAST MESSAGE.

"'CHARGE, Chester, charge! On, Stanley, on!'
Were the last words of Marmion!"

—Scott.

THE DUDE.

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WHILE the exact definition of the word "dude" has not yet been agreed upon by lexicographers, a very definite general idea of a particular specimen of the animal creation is called to our minds when the word is used. Scientifically speaking, the chief difference between a dude and a man lies in the fact of a total absence of the cerebrum or main organ of the brain in the more highly developed specimens, while a condition more or less approaching this is distinctly observable in those less perfectly developed. A certain lackadaisical, semi-bullhead indifference to all external surroundings and persons is also a marked feature in the several species which are found running at large in our cities. The dude rarely

frequents country places, except during the heated season of the year.

The major part of the brain being, as has been stated, entirely wanting, and, nature abhorring a vacuum, she apparently fills up the space thus left vacant with that commonest and most plentiful of all commodities, self-conceit. Such a prodigious quantity of this at times is present, and so congenial are its surroundings, that there is little impediment to its development, and not infrequently it absorbs the faculties together with considerable of the anatomy of the dude, hence its attenuated appearance at times.

The lower functions of the brain, however, which control the movements and actions of the body, are often found fully developed in the dude in common with the ape or baboon, hence it is not uncommon to see a dude a graceful dancer or skater. It often happens, however,