

CHAPTER XXVI

ARRIVED at the ranch-a-rie of the late Wa-huks-gum-ala-you, Kwaw-kewlth and Entominahoo accused Chuck-chuck and Bee-lee before the tribesmen of having bewitched both ranch-a-ries and having caused all the ills which had befallen them from the wasting away of Tenase Fox to the death of Wa-huks-gum-ala-you and the young Chief, by using the incantations of the white man as taught by Bee-lee from his war-war (talking) paper, and for which the Indian Doctors had no counter-charm.

There was only one way by which all might be saved, and that was to torture the boys until the evil spirit had left them, and then seek fresh hunting grounds, as these would henceforth be under the curse.

Chuck-chuck was at once taken out to the forest, where Bee-lee had already gone to get pine knots for Hai-dah and He-he, who had already been made to feel the fall in their tribal position. Kwaw-kewlth, the stealthy, knew that their restoration to the head of things social among the squaws would be the strongest inducement to make them subservient to his will, "when he had gained the Chieftainship." But he